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Policy Guidance is hereby provided to:

All New Jersey Emergency Medical Service Programs

Issue: Electronic patient care reports (ePCR) vendor compliance with EMS Data Law, NEMSIS, and NJ ePCR requirements.

Department Review: The Department has developed compliance standards to ensure that ePCR vendors comply with the 2017 EMS Data Law requirements, as enumerated within N.J.S.A. C.26:2K-67 Report by provider to department.

2. a. Each emergency medical services provider shall report to the department, in the most recent National Emergency Medical Services Information System (NEMSIS) format, the following information concerning each incident (emphasis added) in which the entity provides emergency medical services:....

The department interprets this to mean that the following performance standards for electronic patient care reports shall be required of vendors providing ePCR services:

As of 1/1/2018:

90% of ePCR files that are rejected by either the NEMSIS or the New Jersey Schematron filter are corrected, re-submitted, and documented within 10 days of the submission failure.
 100% of submission errors are corrected, re-submitted, and documented within 30 days of the submission failure.

As of 1/1/2019:

95% of ePCR files that are rejected by either the NEMSIS or the New Jersey Schematron filter are corrected, re-submitted, and documented within 10 days of the submission failure.
 100% of submission errors are corrected, re-submitted, and documented within 30 days of the submission failure.

As of 1/1/2020:

97% of ePCR files that are rejected by either the NEMSIS or the New Jersey Schematron filter are corrected, re-submitted, and documented within 10 days of the submission failure.
 100% of submission errors are corrected, re-submitted, and documented within 30 days of the submission failure.

Terms & Conditions: Failure to achieve this submission standard undermines the accuracy of the entire electronic patient care reports data set on a statewide basis, which may have significant effects on state EMS planning and policies. As a result, ePCR vendors who fail to achieve this standard for 3 consecutive months may be banned from the ePCR program in New Jersey.

Duration: This guidance shall remain in effect until the current version of N.J.A.C. 8:40, 8:40A, 8:41, and 8:41A have been revised.

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