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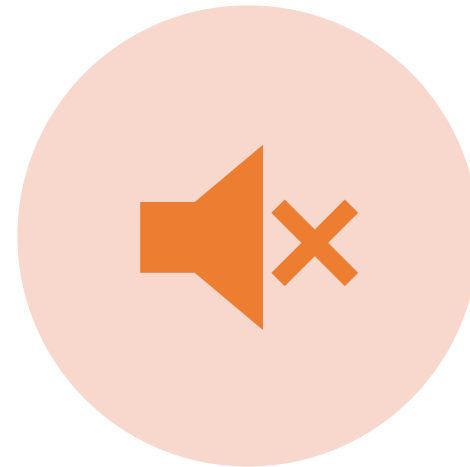
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# Note

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# Georgia OEMST Update – Operations Update

August 10, 2023

# OEMST Position Updates

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**Region 3 – Regional Training Coordinator**
- Open Position

**Systems of Care Medical Director**
- Onboarding in September

# EMS Town Hall Meetings

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**Region 8** - July 12 – 0900-1200 – Sylvester – Worth Co. Community Center

**Region 9** - July 13 – 0900-1200 – Baxley – Appling Co. Agricultural Center

**Region 1** - July 27 – 1300-1500 – Calhoun – Trinity Baptist Church

**Region 2** - July 28 – 0900-1200 – Clarkesville – North GA Technical College

**Region 10** - August 7 – 1300-1500 – Winder – Barrow Co. Leisure Services

**Region 7** - Sept. 7 – 0900-1200- Columbus – Columbus Technical College

**Region 5** - Sept. 19 – Location and Time TBD

**Region 6** - Sept. 29 – Location and Time TBD

**Region 3** – Date, Location and Time TBD

**Region 4** – Date, Location and Time TBD

# Workforce Numbers

Kelly Joiner

# Number of Licensees as of 08/1/2023

| Level | As of 01/01/2023 | As of 04/01/2023 | As of 8/1/2023 |
|---|---|---|---|
| EMT-Responder | 311 | 357 | 411 |
| EMT | 6,391 | 5,819 | 6,304 |
| EMT-Intermediate | 4,804 | 4,126 | 4,193 |
| Advanced EMT | 5,221 | 4,997 | 5,280 |
| Cardiac Technician | 27 | 23 | 23 |
| Paramedic | 9,102 | 8,502 | 8,808 |
| TOTAL | 25,856 | 23,824 | 25,019 |

# EMS Personnel License Renewal

# Personnel License Renewal

Lapsed-Failed to Renew that are eligible to late renew – **2,261** (As of 8/09/2023)

**Late Georgia Medic Renewal** application available until **September 30, 2023**.

- Continuing Education (CE) must be entered into Education Report into LMS
- Must upload BCLS and ACLS (if applicable) cards inside the renewal application
- Late fee and license renewal fee, $150.00 (Credit Card fee $2.75)

# EMS Instructor License Renewal

# EMS Instructor and Instructor/Coordinator Renewal

Instructors or Instructor/Coordinators with 12/31/2023 expiration date -108

Renewal period is now open until **December 31st, 2023**

CE and Active Teaching will be accepted from day after license issue date – 12/31/2023

License renewal fee, $25.00 (Credit Card fee $2.75)

# Other Updates/Information

# Naloxone for EMS Agencies

- 2023-Q4 EMS Naloxone Request Application
  - Q4: October - December
  - Application will open **Friday, August 18, 2023**
  - Application will close **Friday, September 1, 2023**

# Trauma Commission Vehicle Grants

# ImageTrend Systems Security Updates

LMS Public Portal:

- If a user needs to update their email address in LMS in order to login, they will now have to request the change via email.
  - User will need to email us at [dph-phemsinfo@dph.ga.gov](mailto:dph-phemsinfo@dph.ga.gov) with the email change request.

**Welcome to the Georgia EMS License Management System!**

The Georgia EMS system uses the e-Licensing Portal for all:

- EMS students (course enrollment)
- Individual medics (initial license application or license renewal)
- Hospitals seeking designation as a:
  - Trauma Center
  - Emergency Cardiac Care Center
  - Stroke Center
- EMS agencies (initial license application, license renewal, updates to personnel roster)

The Georgia Office of EMS and Trauma uses the email address in your account as the primary source of communication. Please ensure that your contact information is kept current.

**Active Account User**

If you are a currently licensed EMS healthcare practitioner in Georgia, login to your existing License Management System account. Please do **NOT** create a new account. Duplicate accounts will be deleted. If you forgot your user name or password, please select the "Forgot" feature by the login fields below.

**Request to Change Email Address**
If your email address is no longer correct, please contact the Office of EMS and Trauma at **dph-phemsinfo@dph.ga.gov** for account assistance and include your full name, GA license number, and correct email address.

# LMS Applications

# To Add/Remove Authorized Agent in LMS

- To add an Authorized Agent
  - Complete and submit Add an Authorized Agent to Agency Roster application

- To remove someone as an Authorized Agent position but keep the person on the agency roster:
  - Complete and submit Remove an Authorized Agent or EMS Agency Admin Position application

- To remove an Authorized Agent from the agency roster:
  - Go to appropriate agency
  - Click on Personnel
  - Check button next to person's name
  - Scroll to bottom of list and select **Remove Selected Users**
  - Click Go

# To Add/Remove EMS Agency Admin in LMS

- To add an EMS Agency Admin
  - Complete and submit Add an EMS Agency Admin to Agency Roster application

- To remove someone as an EMS Agency Admin position but keep the person on the agency roster:
  - Complete and submit Remove an Authorized Agent or EMS Agency Admin Position application

- To remove an EMS Agency Admin from the agency roster:
  - Go to appropriate agency
  - Click on Personnel
  - Check button next to person's name
  - Scroll to bottom of list and select **Remove Selected Users**
  - Click Go

# Georgia's v3.5 Transition

Dipti Patel

# GEMSIS Elite v3.5 Transition

- Currently transitioning EMS Agencies using **GEMSIS Elite system directly** and agencies using **ImageTrend purchased systems.**
  - You will need to contact Dipti Patel with a date and time to complete your transition.
  - **The transition will not occur until someone from your agency notifies Dipti Patel.**

- EMS Agencies currently using a **3rd party ePCR software system**, will need to be in touch with your ePCR vendor to find out their status for the GA v3.5 transition.
  - Expecting all ePCR vendors to complete the GA compliance testing by no later than **September 1st**.
  - **Georgia EMS Agencies will not be able to submit v3.5 data until your ePCR vendor has completed the compliance testing.**
  - GA compliance testing is separate from the NEMSIS compliance testing that each vendor will have to complete.
  - Agencies will be notified by Dipti Patel once an ePCR vendor successfully completes the GA compliance testing.
  - All EMS agencies must be transitioned to v3.5 by November 1st!

# Expectations of EMS Agencies

- EMS Agencies are **responsible** for educating their medics on the updated ePCR data elements and value changes, new validation rules, current documentation issues, etc.

- EMS Agencies are **responsible** to complete all the transition preparation steps as soon as possible.

- Use the recommended checklists and other transition materials created to assist with transition (available on the GEMSIS page).

- Communicate with OEMST and ePCR vendor about your agency's transition plan, questions or any other changes.

# Where to Find All Resources for v3.5 Transition

GA EMS Website: https://dph.georgia.gov/EMS

## Emergency Medical Services

### Georgia NEMSIS v3.5 Data Transition

The Georgia Office of EMS and Trauma has developed some resource documents that will assist EMS Agencies and Personnel with the NEMSIS v3.5 transition. Please visit the **GEMSIS** page for more information.

# Georgia Emergency Medical Services Information System (GEMSIS)

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Georgia NEMSIS v3.5 Data Transition ⌄

Georgia Approved ePCR Software Systems for NEMSIS v3.5 Data Collection ⌄

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EMS Quick Report Form ⌄

biospatial (Data Visualizations for EMS Response Data) ⌄

# Georgia NEMSIS v3.5 Data Transition

List of NEMSIS v3.5 resources that are available for our EMS Agencies, Medics and ePCR Vendors. We will update this section on a frequent basis to assist with the transition.

### *Resources for EMS Agencies*

- 📄 **Checklist for ImageTrend 3rd Party ePCR System** - EMS agencies using own purchased ImageTrend System

- 📄 **Checklist for GEMSIS Elite ePCR System** - EMS agencies using State GEMSIS Elite System

- 📄 **Checklist for 3rd Party ePCR Vendor System** - EMS agencies using 3rd party ePCR Vendor System

Checklists

**PowerPoint Slides and Recording for GEMSIS v3.5 Data Transition Webinar with GEMSIS Elite System Users - 6/30/23**

- 📄 **OEMST Georgia v3.5 Transition Presentation**

- OEMST Georgia 3.5 Transition WebEx Recording
  - Password to access the recording: AmfBVBh6
  - **Link to recorded training**

- 📄 **Georgia v3.5 Transition PowerPoint Presentation** for EMS Agencies to educate their EMS staff

**PowerPoint Slides for GEMSIS v3.5 Data Transition with ePCR Vendors - 6/30/2023**

- 📄 **OEMST Georgia v3.5 Transition Webinar with ePCR Vendors**

- **Georgia NEMSIS Page**
  - Georgia v3.5 Schematron File, Validation Rules Export, Facility List, and GEMSIS Validation (Compatibility) Test Cases and Application are posted on the GA NEMSIS page.

**PowerPoint Slides and Recording for GEMSIS v3.5 Data Transition with Agencies using a 3rd Party ePCR System - 7/10/2023**

- 📄 **OEMST Georgia v3.5 Transition Presentation**

- OEMST Georgia 3.5 Transition WebEx Recording
  - Password to access the recording: jEBKH6PK
  - **Link to recorded training**

Webinar PowerPoint Slides and Recording

Georgia NEMSIS v3.5 Data Transition ⌄

Georgia v3.5 ePCR Software Vendors Compliance Status ⌄

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## Georgia v3.5 ePCR Software Vendors Compliance Status ⌃

### Georgia Approved Compliant Software for EMS Agencies

| Software Company | Product Name | Product Version | NEMSIS Version | GA Compliant Since |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| ImageTrend | Elite | 1.x | v3.5.0 | 6/22/2023 |

### Software Companies Seeking Georgia v3.5 Compliance

| Software Company | Product Name | Application Received | Test Cases Completed | Testing Completed |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| RAM Software | AIM | 7/28/2023 | In Progress | |
| Sansio | HealthEMS | 7/11/2023 | In Progress | |
| EPR Systems | Fireworks | 7/7/2023 | In Progress | |
| Digitech Computer | TripTix | 8/3/2023 | In Progress | |

# Preconference Workshop

2023 GEMSA Providers & Educators Conference

**Georgia's Transition to NEMSIS v3.5: How does this affect your PCR and your documentation?**

Monday, October 16, 2023

8:00am-11:00am

Some of the topics to be discussed:

New and current data fields/values/definitions, how to utilize the data fields, documentation issues, custom auto narratives, features and data fields that you may not know about ,etc.
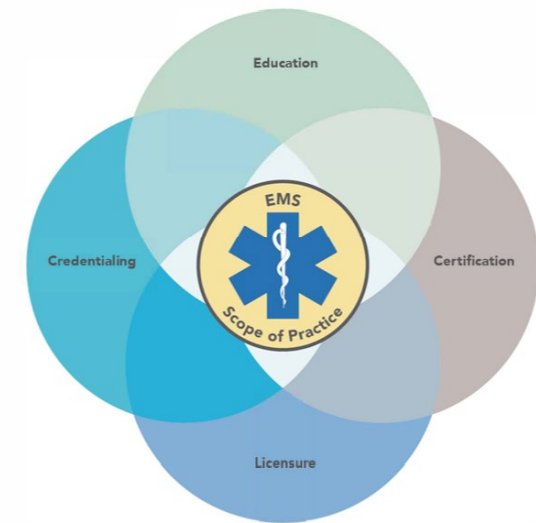
# Critical Care Taskforce

Richard Rhodes

# Critical Care Taskforce

The Department has developed a Critical Care Taskforce to create requirements for a Critical Care license level for Paramedics

- Scope of Practice
- Education Requirements
- Certification Exam
- Continuing Education



- *NHTSA Recommendation: Develop regulation of critical care and community EMS/Mobile Integrated Health personnel and entities.*

# Upcoming

Next Critical Care Taskforce meeting August 16th, 10:00AM

Agenda:
- Review draft recommendation

# Initial EMS Education

# Pass Rate Publication

Richard Rhodes

# Pass Rate Aggregation

The reported data will be aggregated for a 3-year period and will be updated every 6 months (January and July) on a rolling schedule.

The report will be based on a Georgia peer-to-peer benchmark in which the 3rd cumulative attempt average will be the midpoint.

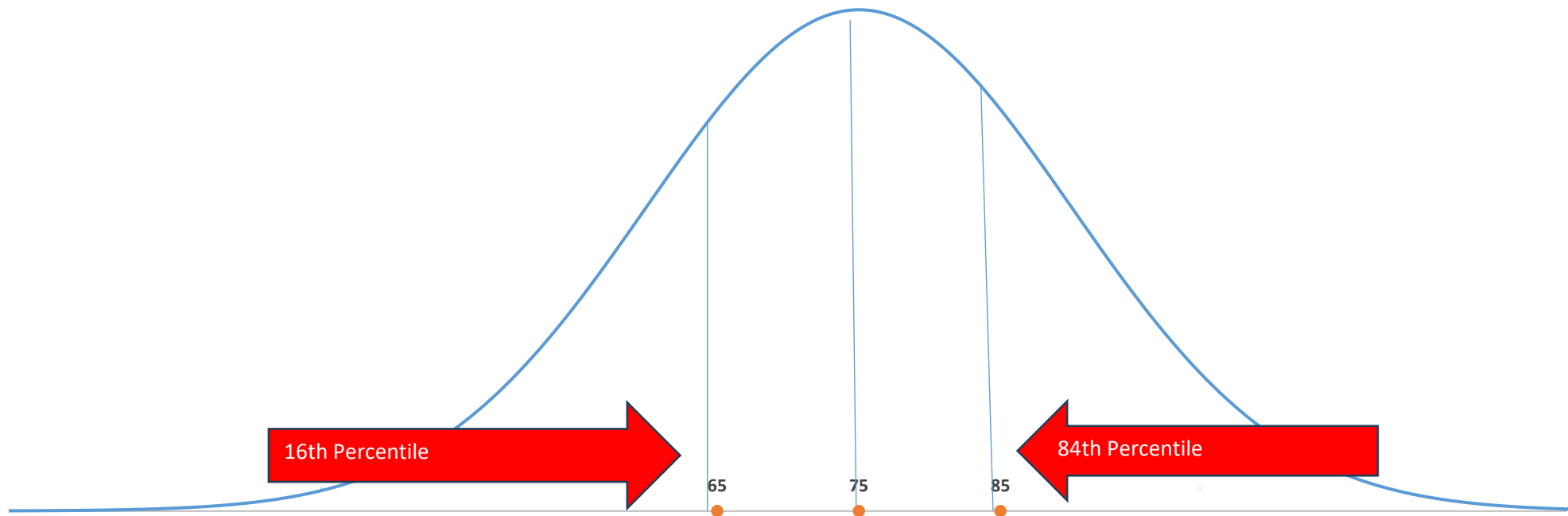Publication will begin on January 1, 2024 to the OEMST website

# Example

The 202X 3rd cumulative EMT pass rate is 75%. Using the bell curve, 1 standard deviation to the right would represent 10 percentage points, or an 85% pass rate.

- 85% or higher pass rate will be a "High Performer"
- 75-84% will be an "Above Average Performer"
- 65-74% will be a "Below Average Performer"
- <65% will be a "Poor Performer"

# Bell Curve Example

EMT 3rd Cumulative Attempt



16th Percentile

84th Percentile

65    75    85

# Student Minimum Competency (SMC/Portfolio)

Heather Reddick

# Georgia EMR/EMT Transition

June 2023 – Release EMR/EMT Student Minimum Competency (SMC)/Portfolio

- This will include the required lab skills and Clinical/Field skills

January 2024 – All EMR/EMT courses approved after this date will use the SMC and **<u>NOT</u>** a psychomotor exam

# Mandatory Training

All **Program Directors, Program Admins, Course Coordinators, Clinical Coordinators,** and any **faculty** involved in the completion of End of Course paperwork will be required to complete the Student Minimum Competency (SMC) update course

- Highly encouraged for ALL instructors

Course will be offered for all regions, multiple times from July – January

Scheduled dates:

**Region 8:** August 18*th*, 1-5PM - Southern Regional Tech - Moultrie - 800 N Veterans Pkwy, Moultrie, GA

**Region 5:** September 14*th*, 1-5PM - Central Georgia Tech - 80 Cohen Walker Dr, Warner Robins, GA

**Region 3:** October 5*th*, 9AM-1PM - Clayton County Fire Department - 7810 Hwy 85, Riverdale, GA

**Region 4:** November 1*st*, 9AM-1PM - Southern Crescent Tech - Griffin - 501 Varsity Rd, Griffin, GA

**Region 1**: December 7*th*, 8AM-12PM - The Colonnade - 264 Catoosa Cir, Ringgold, GA

# EMS Education Consortium

Next meeting September 14th, 10AM – 12PM, Central Georgia Technical College – Warner Robins


Tentative Agenda
- Critical Care Taskforce recommendation
- Advanced Placement recommendation

# Upcoming Meetings/Trainings

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- Town Hall Meetings in each Region (dates above)

- Critical Care Taskforce August 16th, 10am-12pm, virtual meeting

- EMS Education Bi-Monthly update July 28th, 1pm

- Preconference Workshop?

https://dph.georgia.gov/EMS/public-notices-regional-and-statewide-meetings

# Upcoming Meetings

EMSAC Quarterly Meeting – August 15th, 2023, at 10:00am
  - (Virtual & In Person, OEMST, 1680 Phoenix Blvd, Atlanta, GA)

EMS Education Consortium – Sept 14th, 2023, at 10:00 AM
  - Virtual and in-person, Central Georgia Technical College – Warner Robins

EMSMDAC Quarterly Meeting – October 10th, 2023
  - (Virtual & In Person, location TBD)

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# Regional Instructor Symposiums

- August 18th – Southern Regional Technical College – Moultrie - Region 08

- Sept 14th – Central Georgia Technical College – Warner Robins – Region 05

# Questions? And Open Discussion

# Thank you for all that you do!

- Be Safe



Your Friday reminder...

You've achieved a lot this week.

Even if that to-do list still feels long, you've made a difference just by showing up and being you.

Time to celebrate and look forward to weekend adventures.