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CHECKLIST: NEMSIS 3.5 TRANSITION FOR EMS AGENCIES USING IMAGETREND 3rd PARTY ePCR SYSTEM (AGENCY PURCHASED IMAGETREND SYSTEM)

Pre-Planning Steps	
	Confirm the correct Data Manager(s) and Authorized Agent(s) are listed in your EMS Agency license in LMS with their correct email address to receive all communication via email.
	Notify Dipti Patel immediately if the agency is planning to change ePCR software systems.
	Review the NEMSIS v3.4.0 to v3.5.0 Value Changes and Translation documents to understand the upcoming changes (available on <u>DPH EMS Website</u>).
	Review Georgia Timeline for NEMSIS 3.5 Data Transition (available on <u>DPH EMS Website</u>).
	Review the new two data policies published by OEMST and confirm your EMS agency is compliant with these two policies (available on <u>DPH EMS Website</u>).
	Attend all training sessions hosted by OEMST.
	Confirm with OEMST when your agency will be transitioned to the new version.
	Communicate with OEMST of your EMS agency's transition timeline to v3.5.
	 Communicate with stakeholders with whom you exchange data. Share your transition timeline with them. CAD Integration, Auto Exports for Billing, HIEs, Communication products (ex: Kno2Fax)
	Schedule in-house training to train personnel on the updated ePCR documentation (data element and value changes, validation rules, current documentation issues, what will be new, etc.)

Transition Preparation - The following steps need to be completed under your agency.

- Visit ImageTrend University if you need assistance with the items below or contact ImageTrend Support with any questions.
- Confirm all licensed medics are rostered in GEMSIS Elite with properly formatted Georgia license numbers and provider level as per Data Compliance and Reporting policy.
- Confirm all licensed EMS and Fire vehicles are entered correctly in the system as per the Data Compliance and Reporting policy.
- Turn on NEMSIS 3.5 data for the System level (and demo agencies as desired).
- Download the state's validation rules, Schematron file, and facility list from the library.
- Copy/Update validation rules with any changed data elements and values, making sure the new rules are set to v3.5.

Copy/Update your custom ePCR form templates to v3.5.

- Be sure to include all national, state, and custom data elements and values on the custom form.
- Update any custom visibility rules to v3.5.

- Update any default values on your custom form that may have changed.
- Update preset values with any changed data elements and values.
- Review/Update any power tools and/or situation tools with any changed data elements and values.
- Copy/Update your print report to include new fields for v3.5.
- Update CQI form templates with any changed data elements and values
- **Review Supplemental questions with any changed data elements and values.**
- Update any Incident List views, checklists, worksheets, etc.
- Copy/Update reports created in Report Writer with any changed data elements.
- Communicate with OEMST about your EMS Agency's transition timeline to v3.5

Transition Testing – Testing your custom system setup

- Consider choosing one station, crew, or shift for testing.
- Create some test cases using the new custom form, validation rules, etc.
 - Ensure these test cases are not exported to GEMSIS Elite.
- Take feedback and update accordingly (run form flow, validation rules, other tools, etc.)
- □ Schedule training sessions with internal staff and personnel.
- Be sure to delete all the test cases after testing is complete.
- Create an agency rollout plan.
- Communicate any changes to your EMS agency's transition timeline with OEMST.

Go-Live Date

Contact Dipti Patel to obtain a date to begin submitting NEMSIS v3.5 data.

Update the State Integration account to include NEMSIS EMS (3.5.0).

- Georgia does not accept DEM files
- Update any other integration accounts to NEMSIS EMS (3.5.0) (example: auto post, Kno2Fax, etc.)
- Confirm you have inactivated all custom v3.4 run forms, print reports, etc.
- Confirm you have defaulted all custom v3.5 run forms, print reports, etc.
- Monitor the incidents completed using the new v3.5 run forms, print reports, etc.
 - Consider assigning one person per each crew/station to relay feedback.
- Monitor your auto post for billing, Kno2Fax, etc.
- □ Monitor data uploads to GEMSIS Elite for import failures, validation scores, etc.
- Continue with ongoing monitoring for a few weeks.

General Suggestions

Don't wait until the last minute to get started!

- Transitions almost always have some delays, challenges, or interruptions. It is better to give your agency personnel plenty of time to review the transition materials.
- Contact OEMST with any questions you may not be sure of.
- Develop an alternate plan in the event not everything works as planned.

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