



## **EMS Information Bulletin 2018-06**

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**SUBJECT:** EMS Agency NEMSIS Compliance Update

**TO:** All PA EMS Agencies

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On March 1, 2018 the Bureau of EMS (bureau) sent letters to EMS agencies across the Commonwealth that were not in compliance with NEMSIS version 3.4 data reporting. The bureau would like to thank agencies for working diligently with their Patient Care Record (PCR) vendors to come into compliance. While we continue to work towards 100 percent compliance, it is important to provide EMS agencies with an update.

As of March 16, 2018, 709 EMS agencies (84 percent) were connected to the data bridge, with 126 agencies connecting since the March 1, 2018 letter.

While the March 1<sup>st</sup> letter noted that disciplinary action will be the result for failure to comply, the bureau has actively engaged with multiple agencies, as well as PCR vendors, who are working to come into compliance. As such, agencies who are communicating with the bureau and their appropriate Regional Council, and are demonstrating that they are actively engaged in remediation efforts will not face disciplinary action against their certification.

It is important to note that agencies must achieve 100 percent compliance in data reporting. This reporting is crucial for advancements in the prehospital care that resident and visitors of the Commonwealth receive, as well as development of nationwide care models.

The Bureau appreciates all your efforts in this regard.