



RECOMMENDATION FOR CONSIDERATION

Board Meeting Date: June 10, 2015

Subject: Pennsylvania NEMSIS Elements

VTR#: 0615-02

Committee/Task Force: EMS Information Task Force

Recommended Goal

Recommended Policy Change

Other:

Recommendation:

The Department of Health should revise the set of Pennsylvania NEMSIS elements collected, utilizing the attached list to add the 20 elements identified for addition, and remove the 33 elements identified for removal.

Rationale [Background]:

The Department of Health currently mandates what NEMSIS data elements are collected via electronic PCR software programs. The EMS Information Task Force has reviewed the current data set, which has been in use since 2009 to determine if the elements collected are meeting the current needs of the system.

The Task Force evaluated more than 400 elements in the NEMSIS 2.2.1 data set and compared them with the current PA NEMSIS data set (148 elements) to determine what elements should be added or removed. The task force looked at the following considerations when evaluating the data elements.

Do the elements tell us what we are doing? (procedures, medications, etc)

Do the elements tell us how we are doing? (Performance measures, appropriate care, etc)

Do the elements link with other data sets collected in the healthcare system?

Those elements that did not fall into those three guidelines are recommended for removal, and elements not in the current PA dataset that can aid in one of the three guidelines are recommended for addition.

This VTR is not intended to address elements that affect billing and reimbursement. Any concerns agencies may have regarding elements and billing should be communicated directly between the agency and their vendor. Elements may be added at the agency level as needed to meet billing needs.

Plan of Implementation:

The Department should provide the attached list of elements to the software vendors to ensure that all applicable elements on the list are included in the NEMSIS output.

The PEHSC Committee/Task Force offers consultation to the Department in regard to the content of this Vote to Recommend (VTR) and its attached documents. The PEHSC Committee/Task Force specifically offers staff or member

support to participate in Department deliberations regarding this recommendation in an effort to convey committee/task force discussions.

Board Meeting Comments/Concerns:

Members of the Board wanted to ensure that this recommendation does not affect the elements used for billing. EMS agencies should continue to work directly with their vendor to ensure billing elements are being captured.

The VTR passed unanimously.

Signed: _____ Date _____
President

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Comments:

Date of Department Response: _____