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To: **EMS Provider Agencies**
EMS ePCR Software Vendors

From: **Laurent Repass, EMS Information Systems Chief, Emergency Medical Services**

Subject: **OC-MEDS Data Dictionary Implementation – System Change Notification**

On October 5, 2016, OCEMS Policy 300.31 – OC-MEDS Data Dictionary was finalized. The data dictionary includes several new data elements and many coding additions and changes to ensure that our systems are compliant with Federal and State EMS data standards. The OC-MEDS Data Dictionary and all supporting documents (including a change log) are posted on the OCEMS website in the OC-MEDS Section at: http://healthdisasteroc.org/ems/ocmed/oc_meds_data_dictionary

OCEMS will implement changes documented in the change log to the OC-MEDS NEMSIS v3 (Elite) system during a two (2) hour update window scheduled on **Tuesday, October 25, 2016 between 5:00am and 7:00am**. Changes will include addition of new data elements, field value coding updates, modifications to affected validation rules, and Run Form / PDF template updates.

OC-MEDS v3 (Elite) ePCR users:

Every effort will be made to minimize any impacts to field operations; however, it is possible that OC-MEDS v3 ePCR users may notice differences and intermittent inconsistencies with their run form templates and validation rules during and immediately after the update window. Users are encouraged to sync their devices after the update window to ensure that all updates are available.

Third Party ePCR Software Vendors:

Third party ePCR software vendors are encouraged to complete the updates to their systems as soon as possible and implement the changes during the update window. New incidents transmitted to OC-MEDS after the update window should include all updated data elements and field values.

Questions regarding the coding update should be directed to OC-MEDS Support at: oc-meds@ochca.com.