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California is the First State to Transmit EMS Data to National Database

SACRAMENTO - On October 1, 2014, the National Emergency Medical Services Information System Technical Advisory Committee (NEMSIS TAC) announced that California was the first state to successfully transmit NEMSIS Version 3 EMS data to the national repository using field and state-level software "certified compliant" with the NEMSIS V3 standard. The California Emergency Medical Services Authority received grant funding from the California Office of Traffic Safety to assist in the transformation of California's data system to adopt the NEMSIS Version 3 standard. Through the EMS Authority's partnership with the Inland Counties Emergency Medical Agency (ICEMA), test data from software vendors Beyond Lucid, Source Code 3 and ImageTrend was sent to NEMSIS in the Version 3 format. Beyond Lucid, Source Code 3 and ImageTrend had all previously passed NEMSIS Version 3 compliance testing.

"This is an incredible accomplishment for the California local EMS agencies and the state EMS Authority. This was possible because of the commitment to and vision for its potential value from the Office of Traffic Safety, our local EMS agency partners, software developers and providers. The migration to NEMSIS Version 3 will enhance our ability to evaluate our EMS systems, develop quality measures, and integrate with other data sources, including hospital electronic medical records. I want to thank all those who contributed to this success," stated Dr. Howard Backer, director of EMSA.

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