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### OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES *OEMS COMMUNICATIONS STATEMENT 16-02*

Date: April 22, 2016  
To: All Connecticut EMS Organizations submitting electronic data  
From: Raffaella Coler, RN, MEd.   
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Re: Validation of XML structure for 2015 and 2016 data

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Last year when the 2014 data report was issued, we received comments about undercount of calls. The current EMS Data Collector completely processes only valid XML. If a data record is not translated to valid XML by your software, processing stops there. This can affect the record count for your agency. The current EMS Data Collector system does not give you or DPH any messages about partial processing of version 2.2.1 data. **There is help to get your records counted.**

Trials with Digital Innovations, NEMESIS, DPH-IT, BEST and some EMS agencies show that testing for correct translation to XML must be done each time you want to send data to DPH. There is a tool you can use that generates error messages so that issues can be resolved before you submit data. As part of your data export routine, the tool will help to get all of your ePCR records for 2015 and 2016 processed. **It has worked for some of your colleagues already.**

#### **NEMESIS and Digital Innovation, Inc. solution for 2015 and 2016 EMS data:**

**\*\*EMS agencies should work with their software vendors to set up the tool. \*\***

Please see links for the NEMESIS Validator Application, the Reference Guide and the Mapper at <http://www.nemesis.org/v2/becomingCompliant/complianceTestingSoftware.html>



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DPH can provide record counts by month for 2015 and the first quarter of 2016 for you. Each software vendor will also receive record counts for its EMS clients. Please work with your software vendor to resubmit data ONLY for months where you can see that the record count is not correct.

Resubmission targets:

- Resubmission of 2015 data to correct inconsistencies by May 30, 2016.
- Resubmission of first quarter 2016 data to correct inconsistencies by June 15, 2016.
- Pre-submission validation of each data file and resolution of XML errors should be ongoing.

Please contact Ann Kloter at 860.509.7431 or [ann.kloter@ct.gov](mailto:ann.kloter@ct.gov) with questions.

We appreciate your cooperation.