

September 15, 2014

Dear Nebraska Ambulance Service and Physician Medical Directors:

IMPORTANT NOTICE REFERENCE ELECTRONIC MEDICAL RECORD REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PROVIDERS!

Effective December 15, 2014 all emergency medical services are required to electronically submit a EMS Incident Record/Patient Care Report within 72 hours of the incident. These requirements are outlined in NAC Title 172, Chapter 12 Section 12-004.09C. The following link will navigate you to the Chapter Rules and Regulations - http://www.sos.ne.gov/rules-and-regs/regsearch/Rules/Health_and_Human_Services_System/Title-172/Chapter-012.pdf. I highly recommend a thorough study and knowledge of all EMS Rules and Regulations. Pertinent to this email are those rules and regulations in Chapter 12 pertaining to Incident and Patient Care Records.

If your ambulance service is not currently utilizing electronic medical records for reporting patient care and needs assistance in training your providers, please contact your Regional Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Specialist as soon as possible. Attached is a map showing the EMS regions and contact information for your Regional EMS Specialist. Please contact them as soon as possible if you need assistance implementing electronic medical records. There will be no trainings after December 10, 2014 to assist you meeting the December 15, 2014 deadline.

Ambulance services who are currently utilizing electronic medical records please inform all your members about the 72 hour reporting rule that will take effect December 15, 2014. Implementation of electronic medical records will help you to enhance patient care and document the valued service you do in healthcare for your community. Thank you for your efforts and hard work implementing electronic medical records for your patients and your ambulance service. Again, please do not hesitate to contact your Regional EMS Specialist if you have questions or need further assistance.

Sincerely,



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