

2024 Washington State EMS Data System – Summary of New Rule Effective September 30, 2024.

WAC Section and Title	Description of Proposed Changes
EMS Services	
<u>WAC 246-976-455 EMS Data System – EMS Service and Provider Responsibilities</u>	EMS Services now have a list of required activities on reporting, delivery of patient care reports, data quality and management, identification and training of data staff, and response volume.
Reporting	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. EMS Service must always protect the confidentiality of data in their possession. 2. Who needs to report? All licensed EMS Services must report electronic patient care reports to the Department of Health. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Inclusion criteria: Ambulance and aid services must submit electronic patient care reports for all activations to which they are dispatched. Criteria includes 911 and interfacility activations where treatment or transport occurred, patient refusal of treatment or transport, and canceled activations. 3. What needs to be reported? Data fields are scaled to the type of call. An activation with no patient contact requires fewer fields than a patient treated on scene. Data element reporting requirements align with national standards with exceptions listed in rule. 4. When does it need to be reported? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Within 48 hours after the initial dispatch, send a complete electronic patient care report to the department for all activations. b. Submit any and all updates or modifications to previously submitted electronic patient care reports to the department within 48 hours of the update. c. EMS Services must work with the WEMESIS team to address delayed submissions within 30 days.
Patient Care Report Delivery to Destination	At the time of arrival at the receiving facility, the certified EMS provider in charge of patient care shall provide receiving facility, at minimum, a brief written or electronic patient report with information as listed in rule. Within 24 hours of arrival, EMS service must provide a complete patient care report to the receiving hospital. (Requirements moved from WAC 246-976-330)

<p>Key Data Staff</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. EMS Services use the WEMSIS Online Contacts Form to identify and update their WEMSIS Administrator, key staff, and WEMSIS report recipients. 2. EMS Services must identify a WEMSIS Administrator to manage and act as a point of contact for data quality and management. Identified staff must: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Complete required trainings developed by WEMSIS (in development). b. Report changes to contacts within 30 days. c. Have procedures in place to monitor data validity d. Resubmit corrections to records within 30 days e. Report demographic/activation volumes, annually by January 31, via the WEMSIS Online Demographics Form. This form will be distributed in the new year to report 2024 data.
<p>Department of Health</p>	
<p>WAC 246-976-445 EMS Data System - Department Responsibilities</p>	<p>The department will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Maintain a statewide electronic emergency medical services data system to address compliance and quality assurance. 2. Protect confidentiality of EMS data at the patient, provider, and facility level. 3. Develop policies and procedures for confidentiality and sharing of data. 4. Develop data submission standards 5. Develop data quality monitoring reports and procedures 6. Report annual summary statistics and trends, benchmarking performance measures, regional trends and outcomes. 7. Respond to data requests by Medical Program Directors 8. Fulfill data requests on suspected overdoses to government agencies, local health authorities, tribal authorities and other organizations for the purposes of preventing future overdoses.

To request this document in another format, call 1-800-525-0127. Deaf or hard of hearing customers, please call 711 (Washington Relay) or email doh.information@doh.wa.gov.