

**UPDATE-NATIONAL TRAUMA DATA STANDARD (NTDS)  
EMS DATA ELEMENT REPORTING AND FILE FORMAT SUBMISSION CHANGE  
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As most of you are aware, the EMS data elements were eliminated as required reporting to the NTDB and subsequently were removed from the 2021 NTDS Data Dictionary.

These data elements provide important information on system functioning as well as data that informs performance improvement in the trauma program as well as the trauma system. STAC voted at the February 2 meeting to recommend the State of Michigan continue to require the reporting of these elements by facilities as defined in the 2020 NTDS Data Dictionary Pre-Hospital Information Data Definition section. This is retroactive to January 1, 2021. A link to both NTDS 2021 Data Dictionary and the 2020 Data Dictionary for Pre-Hospital section reference is available on the Michigan Statewide Trauma System Website.

To limit the impact and facilitate the data submission, the State worked closely with both trauma registry vendors, ImageTrend® and ESO to come up with a solution to import these data elements. This change effects the non-direct entry facilities only as the direct entry facilities will continue to collect and enter the full set of EMS data as they have been. The import file format will change from a .xml to an ITDX file format to address the data submission. ImageTrend® has informed BETP they anticipate they will be ready for this change this spring.

**PLEASE NOTE: This new format change will not be available until the second quarter (June 15, 2021) data submission.**

**Facilities will still upload their fourth quarter 2020 data by March 15, 2021 utilizing the previous .xml file format.**

The Bureau of EMS Trauma and Preparedness would like to thank you for your continued cooperation in the collection of the EMS data elements to aid our Statewide Trauma system pre-hospital quality surveillance and analytics reporting. Please feel free to contact the State Trauma Registry Administrator Jill Jean if you have further questions at [statetraumaregistrar@michigan.gov](mailto:statetraumaregistrar@michigan.gov).

