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Change Notice			
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#2021-05-10-01	Notice of change for MEFIRS Type of Scene Delay		May 10, 2021
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Change Description:

The field “Type of Scene Delay” (eResponse.10) will flag red if the Type of Scene Delay is equal to “None/No Delay” and the time the unit has spent on scene is greater than or equal to twenty (20) minutes for a 911 scene response, or greater than or equal to thirty (30) minutes for an interfacility transport.

[NEMSIS Data Dictionary Version 3.4.0](#) accessed May 7, 2021

A scene delay is any time delay that occurs from the time the unit arrived on scene (eTimes.06) to the time the unit left the scene (eTimes.09).

Reason for Change:

Type of scene delay is a required field for data submission to the National Emergency Medical Services Information System (NEMSIS). The field for documenting a scene delay (Type of Scene Delay, eResponse.10) in the MEFIRS run reporting system, is defaulted to “None/No Delay,” however, in instances where crews remain on scene for greater than 20 minutes for 911 calls and 30 minutes for interfacility transports, there is an opportunity for a clarification. This measure is directly related to performance indicators that are published by Maine EMS surrounding strokes, STEMIs, sepsis, trauma, etc. The most important consideration is high-quality patient care, Maine EMS wholly understands that clinical care and other needs may warrant extended scene times; however, it is important to understand that and notate it as part of thorough documentation practices. Additionally, this is in alignment with Maine EMS protocols (see below) regarding minimizing scene delays.

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“Treatment should very RARELY delay transport! This is especially true for trauma patients, patients with chest pain and patients with suspected stroke. IVs should be started en route except in those situations where treatment at the scene is in the patient’s best interest, such as shock, prolonged extrication, or a cardiac patient when full ACLS care is available. Delays in transport should be discussed with OLMC.”

Effect on Documentation:

Options under Type of Scene Delay include:

- None/No Delay
- Awaiting Ground Unit
- Awaiting Air Unit
- Crowd
- Directions/Unable to Locate
- Extrication
- HazMat
- Language Barrier
- Law Enforcement Assistance Required
- Mechanical Issue-Unit, Equipment, etc.
- On-Scene Treatment > 20 min
- Other *
- Paperwork
- Patient Access
- Safety-Crew/Staging
- Safety-Patient
- Staff Delay
- Traffic
- Triage/Multiple Patients
- Vehicle Crash Involving this Unit
- Vehicle Failure of this Unit
- Patient indecisiveness
- Weather

* When the field of “Other” is selected, you will be asked to provide a clarifying statement so we can assess the addition of new values to the above list.

Please don’t hesitate to contact the Maine EMS Office at 207-626-3860 with questions or concerns.