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CHANGE NOTICE		
Notice #	Title	Date Issued
#2025-07-10-01	MEFIRS System Update: New England Donor Services Referrals	July 10, 2025
Superseded	Released By	System Impacted
N/A	Maine EMS	MEFIRS
Implementation Date	July 30, 2025	
<p>Overview: Effective July 30, 2025, MEFIRS will include new questions for calls meeting specific resuscitation termination criteria:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. "Did you make a notification to New England Donor Services?" (Yes/No)2. If "Yes," you'll enter the NEDS Referral Number.3. If "No," you'll select from a list of barriers to making the referral. This update supports protocol compliance and helps Maine EMS understand trends for improvement.		

Description of the Change

Effective **July 30, 2025**, you will notice a small but significant addition to your MEFIRS run reports. For calls meeting specific criteria (e.g., termination of resuscitation in the field), a new question will appear:

- "Did you make a notification to New England Donor Services?" (Yes/No)

Did you make a referral to New England Donor Services (NEDS)?:

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Yes

No

Based on your answer:

- If "Yes," you will be prompted to enter the **NEDS Referral Number**.

Did you make a referral to New England Donor Services (NEDS)?:

Yes

No

NEDS Referral Number:

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- If "No," you will be presented with a short list of the **reasons a referral was not made**.

Did you make a referral to New England Donor Services (NEDS)?:

Yes No

Select all the reasons a referral to NEDS was not made:

- Obvious signs of decomposition
- Last known alive greater than or equal to 18 hours ago
- Evidence of IV drug abuse
- Known HIV or Hepatitis diagnosis
- Other: (Please specify in the text box provided)

- If you select “Other,” a free text box appears and is required.

Select all the reasons a referral to NEDS was not made:

- Obvious signs of decomposition
- Last known alive greater than or equal to 18 hours ago
- Evidence of IV drug abuse
- Known HIV or Hepatitis diagnosis
- Other: (Please specify in the text box provided)

Other reason a NEDS referral was not made:

Reason for the Change

Our protocols (Termination of Resuscitation #2) require notification to New England Donor Services (NEDS) for specific resuscitation terminations in the field. This is a critical step that can lead to organ and tissue donation, offering a profound opportunity to save or improve lives. This update aims to support EMS clinicians in consistently making this notification.

Absolute Rules-Outs to NEDS Notification include:

- Obvious signs of decomposition,
- Last known alive is greater than or equal to 18 hours ago,
- Evidence of IV drug abuse, and a
- Known HIV or Hepatitis diagnosis.

Effect on Users

Your responses to these questions will provide valuable insights into our current practices regarding NEDS notifications. This data will allow Maine EMS to understand trends and identify opportunities for improvement.

If you have any questions regarding these changes, please contact Darren Davis Darren.w.davis@maine.gov, or Jason Oko Jason.a.oko@maine.gov for further clarification.