



Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems

Change to Patient Care Report Number in eMEDS®

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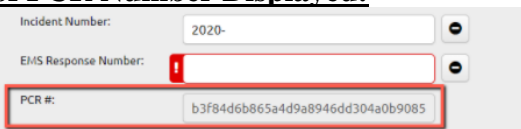
Starting January 1, 2021, MIEMSS is changing the numbering format of the auto-generated, Patient Care Report Number [eRecord.01] within an eMEDS® report. This number will change from an eleven (11)-digit format, to a thirty-two (32) alphanumeric character string/Globally Unique Identifier (GUID).

The current, eleven digit number followed a standard format that was previously outlined in COMAR¹. However, this section in COMAR was removed in 2013. During the initial release of ImageTrend's Elite application, MIEMSS decided to continue to use this format. Doing so required ImageTrend to develop a unique number generator. Subsequently, this unique format has occasionally caused issues within the database and with other 3rd party integrations (i.e. CRISP, billing companies, FirstWatch, & CARES). For example, during updates to our system, the number may reset back to zero (0) and therefore create what appears to be duplicate records with matching PCR numbers.


MIEMSS is requesting that you please make notification to any stakeholder that may use this number and inform them of this change. For example, EMS Services should make contact with their billing vendor, and other 3rd party vendors, to ensure their billing software can accommodate this change. Hospital personnel should make contact with their IT department, or their record management vendor to ensure that this new format will be accepted.

For questions, please contact Jason Cantera, MIEMSS EMS Applications Coordinator, at jcantera@miemss.org.

Examples of PCR Number Displayed:

Run Form: 

PDF Document: 

XML Data Feed: 

¹ COMAR 30.03.04.04 (prior to 2013 revision)

G. All electronic EMS data reports shall prominently display on each patient care report a unique 11-character report identifier in which:

- (1) The first three characters shall show the unique identifier assigned to the EMS operational program by MIEMSS;
- (2) The fourth and fifth characters shall show the year of the event reported on; and
- (3) The remaining 6 characters shall show the EMS operational program sequential report number which shall be reset to zero for the first event reported in each calendar year.