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Dataset changes that need to be addressed in V3.5!! I could have sworn I sent in these recommendations last spring, but maybe I just typed them out and didn't send them…

I have been reminded in the last couple of weeks of a significant problem in the Demographic section as we try and fulfill a request for agency info and address. IN V2.2.1 there was only a single address email and website for the agencies. For some reason, this was removed in V3 and a 0:M group for "Agency Contact" was created instead. The problem with this is that we have now lost the ability to just have a single address etc. for an agency. Instead we can have multiple agency contact addresses from dContact, or try and rely on agencies entering a type of EMS Agency headquarters in the dLocation-but I haven't had consistent results getting agencies to enter this for their locations. We also still don't have the general email and website for the agencies. States systems generally collect all this information in their licensing system and it should be in the dAgency information as that is the group that is supposed to define the agency.

The agency contact type and medical director information can simply be moved to the dPersonnel group as all the other personnel demographics are already there-including phone and email-and this fits in there more appropriately anyway.

Ultimately the dContact group needs to be deprecated and broken out into more appropriate groups. I know I had discussions with ImageTrend about these issues and I know development with the current dContact group was challenging.

ALSO: I could have sworn I sent in the recommendation to move the airway group (at least all the reason for airway and confirmation fields) into the procedure group. I know this came up a number of times from both the DMC and Vendors when we were going through the V3 dataset before it was released in final format and it was basically blown off. However this continues to be a challenge to collect this information functionally for providers, and therefore the data quality can be spotty (main problems are that you can only do one airway – not unusual to do both a king then intubate-and that you have to re-enter the airway type in addition to doing a procedure). I have actually had ImageTrend create the same fields in the procedures group for these reasons.

      -As an aside, eAirway.04 is still missing "Chest Rise", which is one of the standard confirmations with the rest of them

I know we are trying to wrap up stuff for V3.5, but I feel like this is a big deal for states to muddle through with NEMSIS-basically we need to rely on our licensing systems instead- and this is the chance to fix this problem.

See the attached screenshots below for my recommended changes to dContacts.

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0 : 1	dContact.05 - Agency ~~Contact~~ Address	
0 : 1	dContact.06 - Agency ~~Contact~~ City	
0 : 1	dContact.07 - Agency ~~Contact~~ State	
0 : 1	dContact.08 - Agency ~~Contact~~ ZIP Code	
0 : 1	dContact.09 - Agency ~~Contact~~ Country	
0:1 ~~0 : M~~	dContact.10 - Agency ~~Contact~~ Phone Number	
0:1 ~~0 : M~~	dContact.11 - Agency ~~Contact~~ Email Address	
0 : 1	dContact.12 - EMS Agency ~~Contact~~ Web Add...	

Move all of these to dAgency as the agency needs a single contact that is just tied to the agency. Currently it is impossible to produce "the" address, phone, email, web address for an agency because of the dContact setup and 0:M group option

0 : 1	dContact.01 - Agency Contact Type	**Add this to dPersonnel** S E N, L
0 : 1	dContact.02 - Agency Contact Last Name	S E N, L
0 : 1	dContact.03 - Agency Contact First Name	S E N, L
0 : 1	dContact.04 - Agency Contact Middle Name/Initial	O

Already collected in dPersonel

0 : 1	dContact.EMSMedicalDirectorGroup	**Move group to dPersonel to work with Agency Contact type**
0 : 1	dContact.13 - Agency Medical Director Degree	S E N, L
0 : M	dContact.14 - Agency Medical Director Board Certification Type	S E N, L C
0 : 1	dContact.15 - Medical Director Compensation	O
0 : 1	dContact.16 - EMS Medical Director Fellowship Trained Status	O