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Improving the Accuracy of CMV Safety Data

Revisions to DataQs Requirements for MCSAP Grant Funding

Enhanced Requirements for State Data Reviews

As part of FMCSA's efforts to continually raise the bar on its data quality standards, the Agency has published a set of revisions to the **DataQs requirements for State Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program (MCSAP) Grant funding**. The program changes are not retroactive; the new process only applies to requests submitted on or after September 18, 2026.

The enhanced requirements for State participation in DataQs focus on two key areas:

- **Multi-Level Reviews:** Ensure thorough and consistent independent evaluation of requests within State agencies, ensuring proper due process for drivers and motor carriers.
- **Standardized Timelines:** Clear guidelines for responding to requests, handling appeals, and issuing final decisions, giving requestors peace of mind that their request will be processed in a timely manner.

What is DataQs?

DataQs is FMCSA's centralized online system that allows individuals and organizations to request and track a review of Federal and State data issued by FMCSA believed to be incomplete or incorrect.

DataQs Updates

FMCSA has updated the DataQs web system to turn the policy changes above into process changes that you will see on any new requests entered. The system updates include:

- Streamlined "Request Details" header focusing on the key information about the request, requestor, and reviewing agency.
- New "Take Action" section with a menu of actions to make it easier to move a request through the expanded review process.
- New action to de-escalate a review to a previous review stage when new information is being presented.
- Indicators to make it clear which stage of review a request is in at all times.
- "Ready to Submit" review panel that allows you to confirm updates to the request before you submit them.
- Re-designed "Response History" makes it easier to track actions and correspondence throughout the request process.

Accurate, reliable data is critical for making safety decisions, and for motor carriers' and drivers' operations and livelihoods. The enhanced DataQs process ensures that America's hardworking truck drivers are treated fairly while improving roadway safety.

Read State Implementation Plans

State agencies were required to create a plan for how they will adjust their review processes to adhere to the new requirements. Each State plan was approved by FMCSA and is publicly available.

Scan the QR code to visit the **DataQs Help Center** and download your State's DataQs Implementation Plan.

Need a DataQs account? Download the **Registering for DataQs guide.**

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