

What is changing?

BCPSLS Central Office will be assigning Final Approval status to all overdue patient safety event records with degree of harm 1-3 **submitted before January 1, 2017**. This change will take place on or before January 31, 2018.

Why have these changes been made?

Discussions with various stakeholders across the province have resulted in a decision to focus review efforts on more current safety events, as there is limited opportunity for further learning from events that took place more than a year ago. Assigning Final Approval status to the backlog of event records will reduce the number of overdue records shown for Handlers on the Events screen and on the To Do list, giving them a smaller, more recent set of event records to focus on.

What do I need to know?

Final Approval status will be assigned to open patient safety records submitted prior to January 1, 2017. Only events with degree of harm 1-3 will be included; events with degree of harm 4 or 5 will be left for Handler review. Although the records will move to Final Approval status, no information will be lost. Individual records can still be accessed and all information can still be included in summary reports for quality improvement purposes.

In order to meet data quality and reporting standards, certain mandatory fields cannot be left blank. To address this requirement, Central Office will complete any blank required fields as follows:

- Organizational outcomes = Unknown
- Potential for severe harm? = Unknown
- Preventable event? = Unknown
- Time Range = Unknown
- Actions Taken = Tracked and trended for future quality improvement

Dates of records will be adjusted as follows:

- Updated date = date that Final Approval status is assigned by Central Office
- Updated by = PSL Administrator

Handlers who wish to see a list of their overdue records assigned Final Approval by Central Office can use a new query in the **Quick view** section of the Events main screen called **Overdue – Finally Approved by CO**.

Where can I find more information?

Please contact your Health Authority BCPSLS Coordinator.