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## FMCSA Upgrades DataQs Program to Improve Efficiency & Transparency

The **Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA)** today announced updates to its **DataQs** program which will improve turnaround times for truckers awaiting safety record corrections.

The system is key to maintaining accurate safety data and ensuring fair treatment for our law-abiding truck drivers. In 2024, DataQs processed more than 71,000 requests, including at least 8,300 related to crash data.

States must now meet strict deadlines and follow a three-step independent review process when handling requests to fix data on crashes, inspections, and violations.

### Three-Stage Review Process:

States must implement a multi-stage, independent review structure that includes:

- 1. Initial Review – Ensures decisions are not made solely by the issuing officer when denying a correction.**
- 2. Reconsideration – Conducted by independent subject matter experts not involved in the initial decision.**
- 3. Final Review – Completed by a senior decision-maker or independent panel, ensuring an unbiased final determination.**

### Timeline Standards:

- Initial reviews must be completed within 21 days.
- Reconsideration decisions must be issued within 21 days.
- Final reviews must be completed within 45 days.
- State MCSAP Lead Agencies must submit DataQs Implementation Plans detailing how they will meet the new requirements, address backlogs, and prevent future delays. To promote transparency, all approved plans will be publicly available through the DataQs system.

For a look at today's full announcement [click here](#).

And for more information about changes to the DataQs program, you can read the [full notice](#) submitted by FMCSA to the Federal Register.