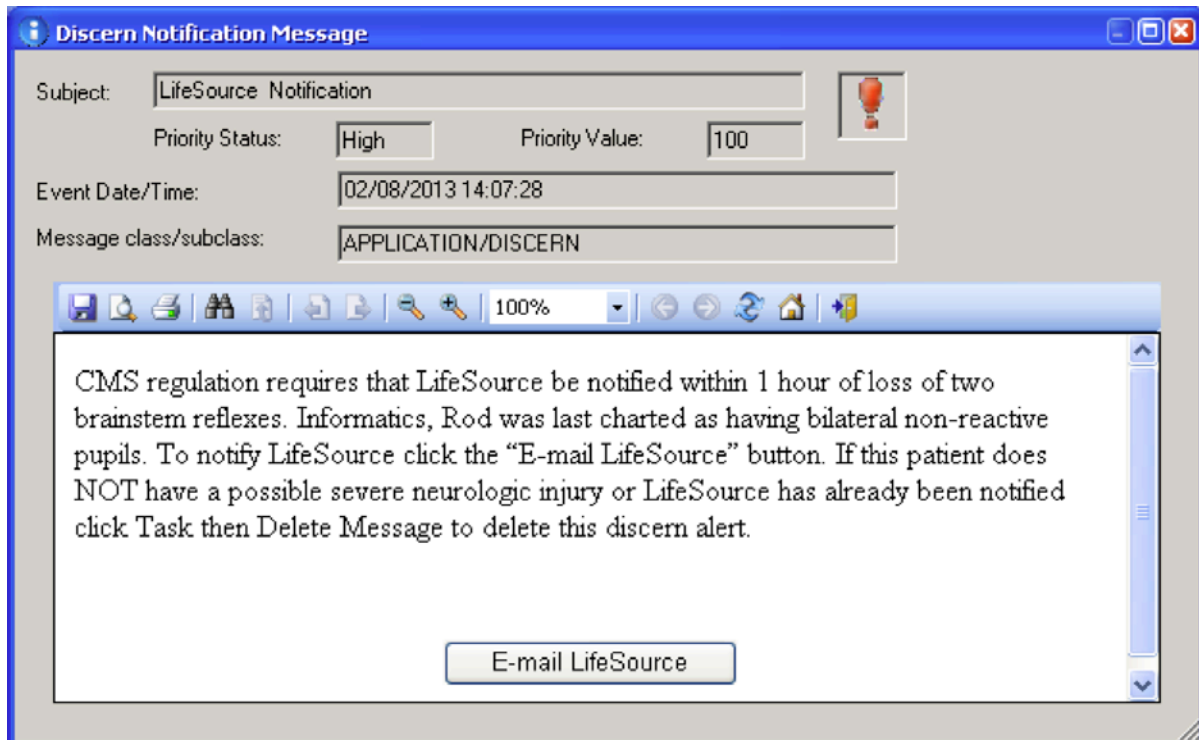


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## Automatic LifeSource Notification Process

CMS requires all hospitals to notify the Organ Procurement Organization (LifeSource) within **ONE HOUR** of declaration of cardiac death or loss of 2 brainstem reflexes. This notification will now happen **AUTOMATICALLY**, thus freeing nursing staff to continue to care for the patient.

When bilaterally unreactive pupils are charted, Cerner will automatically scan the chart for other factors (e.g., blindness, dilating eye drops) that would make notification unnecessary. Cerner will also automatically scan the chart for other factors (e.g., ventilator) that would be consistent with notification. Only **AFTER** Cerner scans the chart and finds that factors are consistent with notification will the bedside nurse get this Pop-up:



Simply click the "E-mail LifeSource" button if your patient has a possible severe neurologic injury. If not, or if LifeSource has already been notified, simply delete the message.

Once LifeSource is notified, they will call the unit for a patient MR number. Because they have remote Cerner access, they can decide whether the child actually meets notification requirements.

This is not a new process, simply an AUTOMATION of our existing CMS obligation that we hope will increase our compliance while decreasing the burden of the bedside and charge nurse.

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