



eMEDS® BULLETIN NEMSIS Critical Patch Update #5



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Overview

On April 7, 2025 NEMSIS released a critical patch to update the national EMS standard. Gender (ePatient.13) has been removed and Sex (ePatient.25) has been added to the dataset. To stay compliant, Maryland will remove the "Gender" field from the eMEDS run form and replace it with "Sex" field, effective Monday, November 3, 2025.

Going forward, Sex (ePatient.25) will be used to document the patient's sex assigned at birth.

Report Writer Impact

This change primarily affects Report Writer, with minimal impact on field level clinicians.

- Prior to this transition, data will continue to populate the Gender field.
- Starting Monday, November 3, 2025, Gender data will no longer contain information, and all new data will populate the Sex field.
 - The available dropdown choices will remain the same:
 - Female, Male, Unknown (Unable to Determine)
- To support this transition, consider updating your reports to include both Gender and Sex during the overlap period.

If you need help updating your reports or have questions about the change, please reach out to eMEDS support.

Technical Breakdown

Data Element Removed - Gender [ePatient.13]

NEMSIS Definition: The patient's gender.

eMEDS Value	NEMSIS Code	NEMSIS Value
Female	9906001	Female
Male	9906003	Male
Unknown (Unable to Determine)	9906005	Unknown (Unable to Determine)

Data Element Added – Sex [ePatient.25]

NEMSIS Definition: The patient's sex.

eMEDS Value	NEMSIS Code	NEMSIS Value
Female	9919001	Female
Male	9919003	Male
Unknown (Unable to Determine)	9919005	Unknown