



# Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems

## eMEDS<sup>®</sup> Cannabis (Marijuana) Documentation Changes

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### Overview

On July 1, 2023 Maryland laws were changed that impacted the purchase, possession, and usage of cannabis. In order to document specific uses of cannabis which may be encountered by EMS clinicians, the following changes have been made to our eMEDS<sup>®</sup> application.

### eMEDS Updates

- The following 2 new dropdown choices have been added to, “Alcohol/Drug Use” [eHistory.17]
  - Admits to Alcohol Use
  - Admits to Drug Use
  - **Admits to Marijuana Use**
  - Alcohol Containers/Paraphernalia at Scene
  - Drug Paraphernalia at Scene
  - **Marijuana Containers/Paraphernalia at Scene**
  - Positive Level known from Law Enforcement or Hospital Record
  - Smell of Alcohol on Breath / About Person
  
- When the selection of, “Admits to Marijuana Use” or “Marijuana Containers/Paraphernalia at Scene” is made the following single selection, Supplemental Question (SQ) will become validated:
  - **Patient’s use of Marijuana**
    - **Recreational Use**
    - **Medical Use**
    - **Not Recorded**
  
- If medical use is selected, remember to document, “Marijuana/Cannabis/THC” in the patient’s current medications list.
  
- The selection of “Not Recorded” is to be used anytime recreational or medical use cannot be determined by the clinician (including patients who decline to answer the question).