



Department of Motor Vehicles

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TO: All Enforcement Agencies and Magistrates

SUBJECT: DMV Changes to Sex Identifier

Effective May 27, 2022, the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) will be implementing system changes to record and/or display a new sex identifier "X" (Unspecified), in addition to "M" (Male) and "F" (Female).

The new sex identifier code will continue to be exchanged with partners in the current "Sex" data element of the client record. More specifically, the existing sex identifier data element will now allow for "X", in addition to the current "M" and "F" values, as declared by the client.

The 2-D barcode on the back of all photo documents and the Machine-Readable Zone (MRZ) on the back of Enhanced photo documents are also being updated.

For the 2-D barcode, under the header "DBC", it will display **1** for Male, **2** for Female, and **9** for Unspecified/Other. This is defined in the AAMVA specification for the barcode.

For the MRZ, the gender is listed in position 8 of the second line. It will display a value of **M** for Male, **F** for Female, or **<** for Unspecified. This is defined in the ICAO specification for Machine-Readable Zones on travel documents.

Both the 2-D barcode and MRZ will match the information presented on the front of the document.

While the May implementation covers the systems identified below, due to the complexity of DMV systems all other changes will not be fully completed until 2023 per the schedule below.

- May 2022: New York State Photo Documents (Permit, License, and Non-Driver Identification Card), Financial, and Administrative
- July 2022: Registration and Title
- May - December 2022: Crash Records
- May 2022 - June 2023: Ticketing
 - May 2022: TSLED
 - June 2023: Adjudication

Updates for the remaining systems will be provided accordingly.

Please share this information with appropriate staff. Thank you.

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Commissioner