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**ATTENTION: MEDICAL CERTIFIERS
MEDICAL FACILITY USERS**

SUBJECT: CT-VITALS (EDRS) UPDATES

WHAT IS CHANGING?: PREGNANCY STATUS – New and Revised Data Collection Questions

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 24, 2025

The PREGNANCY STATUS Section located on the 'Other Factors' page in the Medical Certification workflow is being expanded to facilitate the collection of critical data to enhance and improve the identification of Maternal Deaths.

Other Factors

Autopsy Performed

Autopsy findings available to complete cause of death

PREGNANCY STATUS: Was decedent pregnant within the last 365 days or at time of death?

- If Pregnancy Status = Yes, Select timeframe of pregnancy

- If pregnant at time of death, enter gestational age in completed weeks

- Select an Outcome of Pregnancy.

Did tobacco use contribute to death

Manner of Death

Was ME Contacted? ME Case Number

Did Decedent have a Communicable Disease at the time of death?



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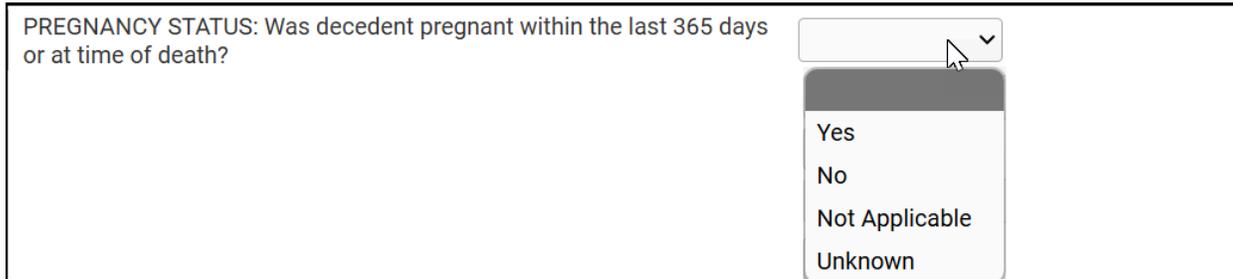
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1. Pregnancy Status

The Pregnancy Status question has been revised to collect a **'Yes/No'** Response for status of Pregnancy within the last 365 days or at time of death. "PREGNANCY STATUS: Was decedent pregnant within the last 365 days or at the time of death?"

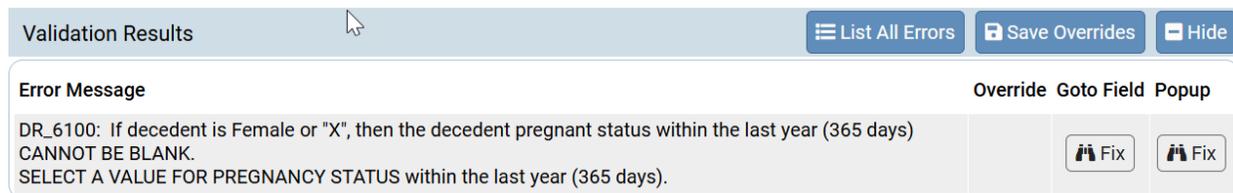
If Decedent is Female (within specified age range), **the Pregnancy Status is a required field.**



PREGNANCY STATUS: Was decedent pregnant within the last 365 days or at time of death?

Yes
No
Not Applicable
Unknown

If left blank, the system will initiate a Validation Rule – Error Message (DR_6100) – prompting medical certifier to select a value for Pregnancy Status.



Validation Results List All Errors Save Overrides Hide

Error Message Override Goto Field Popup

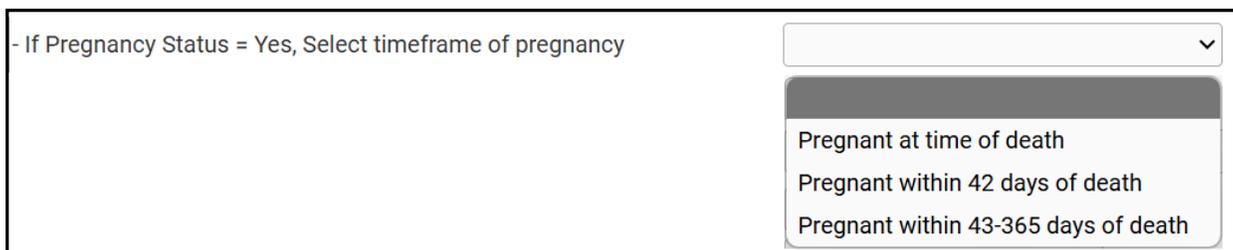
DR_6100: If decedent is Female or "X", then the decedent pregnant status within the last year (365 days) CANNOT BE BLANK.
SELECT A VALUE FOR PREGNANCY STATUS within the last year (365 days).

Fix Fix

(When the response **NO/Not Applicable/Unknown** is selected the remaining pregnancy related questions will be grayed and are bypassed by the system)

2. Timeframe of Pregnancy

If Pregnancy Status is **'YES'**, **the Timeframe of Pregnancy is a required field.** Select the applicable timeframe of Pregnancy from the drop-down list.



- If Pregnancy Status = Yes, Select timeframe of pregnancy

Pregnant at time of death
Pregnant within 42 days of death
Pregnant within 43-365 days of death

The system will initiate Validation Rule – Error Message (DR_6101) if Pregnancy status is 'Yes' and timeframe is left blank.

Validation Results List All Errors Save Overrides Hide

Error Message Override Goto Field Popup

DR_6101: If decedent's PREGNANCY STATUS within the last year (365 days) = "YES", then the TIMEFRAME OF PREGNANCY CANNOT BE BLANK. SELECT the appropriate TIMEFRAME OF PREGNANCY.

Fix Fix

3. Gestational Age of Fetus (If pregnant at time of death)

If the decedent was Pregnant at time of death, enter a gestational age of fetus in completed weeks.

- If pregnant at time of death, enter gestational age in completed weeks

If this field is left blank, the system will initiate a soft edit.

If decedent was NOT pregnant at the time of death or gestational age is unknown - **Enter "99", or select "Override" checkbox and 'Save Overrides' option.**

Validation Results List All Errors Save Overrides Hide

Error Message Override Goto Field Popup

DR_6102: Gestational age in completed weeks is BLANK. If Pregnant at Time of Death, ENTER a VALUE IN WEEKS. If Gestational Age is UNKNOWN or Decedent was NOT Pregnant at Time of Death, ENTER "99".

Fix Fix

4. Outcome of Pregnancy

The Outcome of Pregnancy refers to the health of both the mother and fetus during and after childbirth. **Select an applicable outcome of pregnancy. This is a required field.**

- Select an Outcome of Pregnancy.

- Live Birth
- Ectopic Pregnancy
- Fetal Death (Stillbirth)
- Miscarriage
- Live Birth/Fetal Death (Mixed outcome of multiple gestation)
- Other
- Unknown

Outcome of Pregnancy is a required field. If the available selections do not clearly define outcome, select "OTHER" from the list.

Validation Results	List All Errors	Save Overrides	Hide
Error Message	Override	Goto Field	Popup
DR_6104: If decedent was pregnant within the last year (365 days), then the Outcome of Pregnancy CANNOT BE LEFT BLANK. SELECT a valid outcome of pregnancy.		 Fix	 Fix