



General Information System (GIS) Message

Section 1

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Section 2

The purpose of this GIS is to advise social services districts (districts) that there has been a change to include an option of gender 'X' on the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance's (OTDA) Reporting Welfare Fraud form on the public facing OTDA website ([Reporting Welfare Fraud | OTDA \(ny.gov\)](https://www.otda.ny.gov)). This form will now display 'M', 'F', and 'X' as options for gender field selection within the "Client Information" section.

The Recipient Fraud Matching System (RFMS) will ingest the additional gender code and display it as 'X'. However, the sex code in the Welfare Management System (WMS) is capable of displaying only 'M', 'F', or 'U'. Due to this limitation, WMS will display any gender 'X' codes as 'F'. Therefore, any matches for web fraud received in RFMS where the gender code provided in the allegation was 'X', should be searched in WMS using an 'F'. While "M" indicates that a person selected sex "male," "F" indicates that a person selected either sex "female" or sex "X" and that LDSS personnel should not assume that an individual with sex "F" in WMS is female.

Please note that the gender field is optional on the Web Fraud form and a match to the client in WMS may still be made using additional required and/or optional fields including name, SSN, and date of birth.