Guidance on Changes to NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene’s Certificate of Birth and Confidential Medical Report of Birth (VR6S)

The below guidance pertains to changes to New York City Vital Record forms that will be in effect January 2, 2020. Question numbers correspond to the box numbers on the certificates. Before and after images are included to show the changes that were made.

1. **Question 1:** Suffix added to Name of Child
   a. **Original:** (First, Middle, Last)
   b. **New:** (First, Middle, Last, Suffix)
   c. **Purpose:** To make it easier for families to add a suffix, such as Junior, II, etc. to an infant’s name and to match the US Standard Birth Certificate

**Current Birth certificate**

**Current eVital screenshot, no changes made to eVital**
Updated Birth certificate

2. Question 6a and 8a: Suffix added to parental name
   a. Original: (First, Middle, Last)
   b. New: (First, Middle, Last, Suffix)
   c. Purpose: To provide the opportunity to make the birth certificate more accurate and to match the US Standard Birth Certificate

Current Birth certificate
Updated Birth certificate

Current eVital screen, no changes made to eVital

3. **Question 6a and 8a**: Adding option of Gender X for parental sex
   a. **Original**: Male or Female
   b. **New**: Male, Female, or X
   c. **Purpose**: To provide option of a gender marker for persons who do not identify exclusively as female or male
4. **Question 11a and 11b: Adding Latino to ancestry label**
   a. **Original**: Hispanic
   b. **New**: Hispanic/Latino
   c. **Purpose**: To be more inclusive and match the US Standard Birth Certificate

**Current Birth certificate**

![Current Birth certificate](image)

Current eVital screen

![Current eVital screen](image)
5. **Question 16m**: Editing language for fetal genetic testing
   a. **Original**: If woman was 35 or over, was fetal genetic testing offered?
   b. **New**: If mother/parent was 35 or over, was fetal genetic testing offered?
   c. **Purpose**: To make language consistent with the rest of the form
Updated Birth certificate

Current eVital screen, no changes made to eVital

6. **Question 17a**: Remove ‘Family Health Plus’ from primary payor
   a. **Original**: Medicaid/Family Health Plus
   b. **New**: Medicaid
   c. **Purpose**: Family Health Plus no longer exists.

Current Birth Certificate
Current eVital screen (Prenatal Page)

Updated Birth Certificate

New eVital screen (Prenatal Page)