

## What's New in MAGS MAGS 6.0, February 2018

On February 1, 2018, an updated version of the Maryland Automated Guidelines System (MAGS) was released for immediate use in all jurisdictions. MAGS 6.0 provides several new features. The following is a summary of the most significant changes to MAGS. In addition, the MSCCSP suggests that users reference the MAGS User Manual and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) documents, which have been revised in accordance with the new version of MAGS and are available on the MSCCSP website, www.msccsp.org.

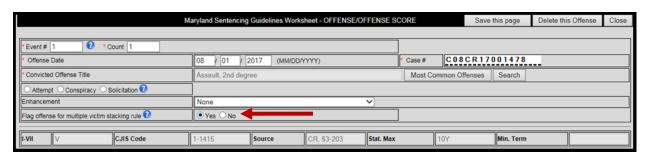
• Per the MSCCSP's existing rule, sentences will be flagged as guidelines-compliant if they include a sentence to a *corrections options* program and if the defendant's initial sentence plus any suspended sentence falls within or above the overall guidelines range, and the defendant's current sentencing event and any pending charges do not include a crime of violence under Criminal Law Article (CR), § 14-101, sexual child abuse under CR, § 3-602, escape, or a law of the United States or of any other state or the District of Columbia similar to the aforementioned offenses. Corrections options programs include home detention; a corrections options program established under law which requires the individual to participate in home detention, inpatient treatment, or other similar programs involving terms and conditions that constitute the equivalent of confinement; inpatient drug or alcohol counseling under Health General Article (HG), Title 8, Subtitle 5, Annotated Code of Maryland; participation in a drug court or HIDTA substance abuse treatment program; a sentence with required substance abuse treatment, for the possession, administration, obtainment, etc. of controlled dangerous substances (CDS) currently outlined in CR, § 5-601(c) and pursuant to CR, § 5-601(e)(3); and programs established by the State Division of Correction, if the program meets the Commission's criteria, as described above.





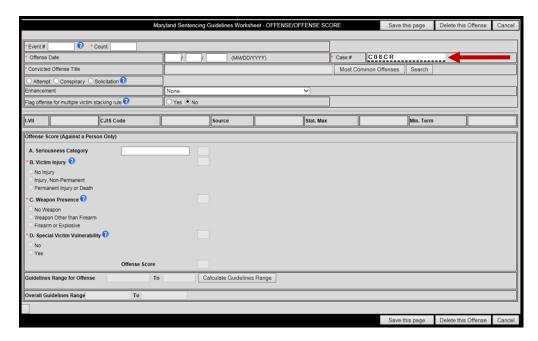


• Per the MSCCSP's existing rule, MAGS will limit the application of the multiple victim stacking enhancement to only single criminal events with not more than one seriousness category I or II offense. When a user flags an offense for the multiple victim stacking rule, an alert message will ask the user to verify that the aforementioned conditions are met prior to proceeding.



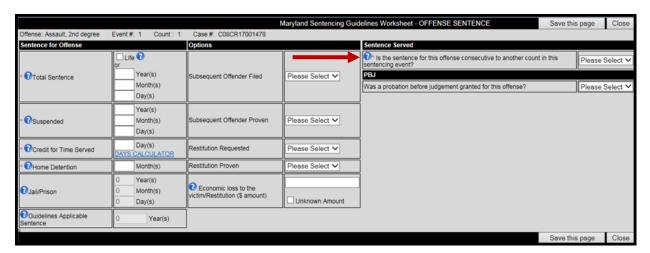


- For those jurisdictions utilizing the Maryland Electronic Courts system (MDEC) as of February 1, 2018, the Case # field will pre-populate with the MDEC prefix corresponding to the user's jurisdiction. Case numbers that are assigned using the new MDEC format should be entered into MAGS using the following format:
  - o CJJCRYY######
  - o Where JJ= 2-digit jurisdiction code,
  - o And YY= filing year.





• The language and information icon under *Sentence Served* on the *Offense Sentence* screen has been revised to ask whether the sentence is to be served consecutive to any other counts in the current sentencing event. This revision recognizes that multiple case numbers may be sentenced together at one sentencing event.



- The *Victim Information* tab is now located immediately after the *List of Offenses* tab. As the state's attorney or Parole and Probation agent who initiates the worksheet is often in the best position to answer victim information questions, the *Victim Information* tab was relocated to immediately follow the *Offender Information*, *Offender Score*, and *List of Offenses* tabs that are also typically completed by the state's attorney or Parole and Probation agent.
- The *Victim Participation* question has been revised to provide greater clarity to practitioners. Users should now select "No" if the victim did not participate in the case, was not located, did not maintain contact with involved parties, or waived his/her rights.





• The question regarding *No Contact Ordered* has been moved from the *Victim Information* tab to the *GLS/Overall Sentence* tab. As no contact orders are often not made until the defendant is sentenced, the judge or judge's designee entering the sentence information is in the best position to answer this question. Moving this question to the *GLS/Overall Sentence* screen may facilitate easier access for judges and their designees.

