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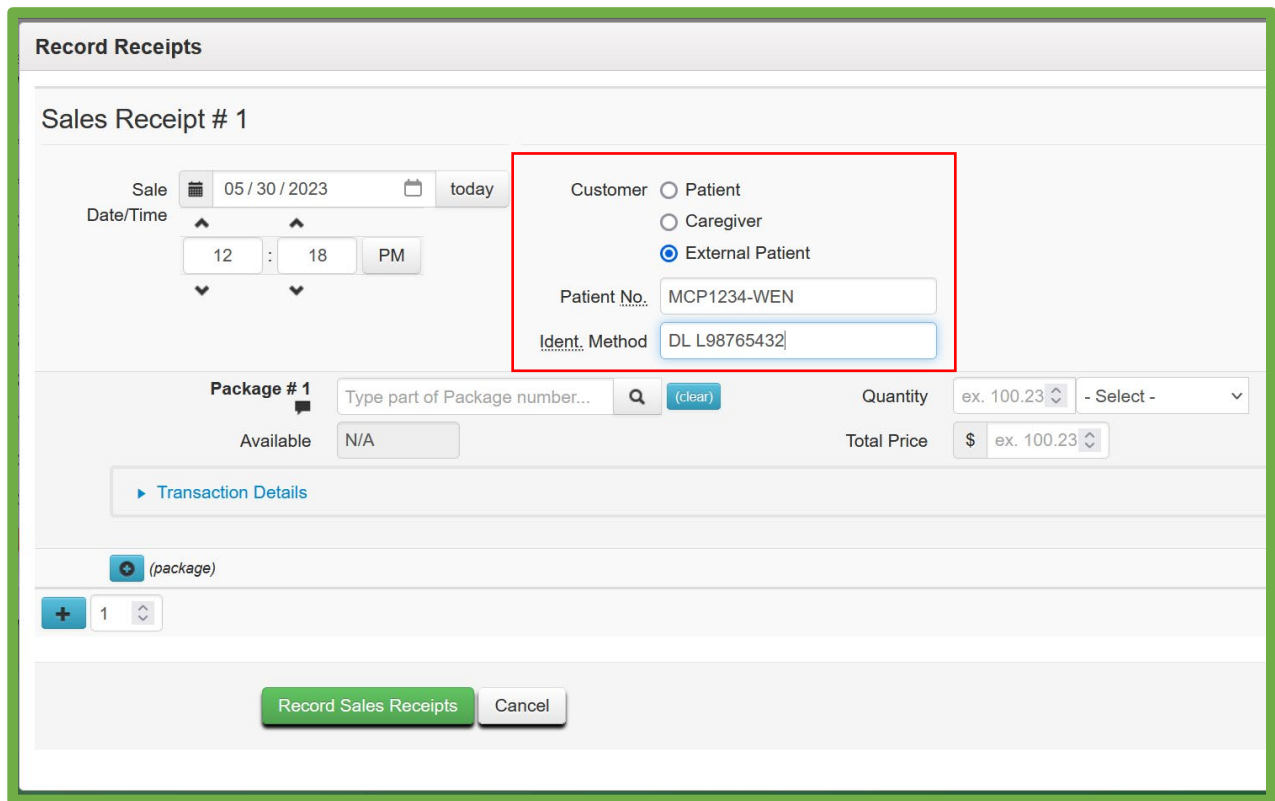| **Bulletin Number**: MN_IB_0005 External Patient Sales	**Distribution Date**: 5/31/23	**Effective Date**: 5/31/23
Contact Point: Metrc® Support	**Subject**: Software update to the sales receipts in Metrc	
Reason: Dispensary sales to Tribal Medical Patients correctly within Metrc.		

Greetings Metrc® Users,

The Minnesota Office of Medical Cannabis has approved a software update that will be implemented on **Wednesday, May 31st, 2023**, to properly capture the sales receipts for those Tribal medical patients who are part of a Tribal Medical Program at the dispensary level.

Please see the following pages for further details on these changes:

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With the implementation of the external patient sales configuration, a dispensary agent will now have the option to designate a sale to an external Tribal Medical Program patient as shown in **Figure 1**.
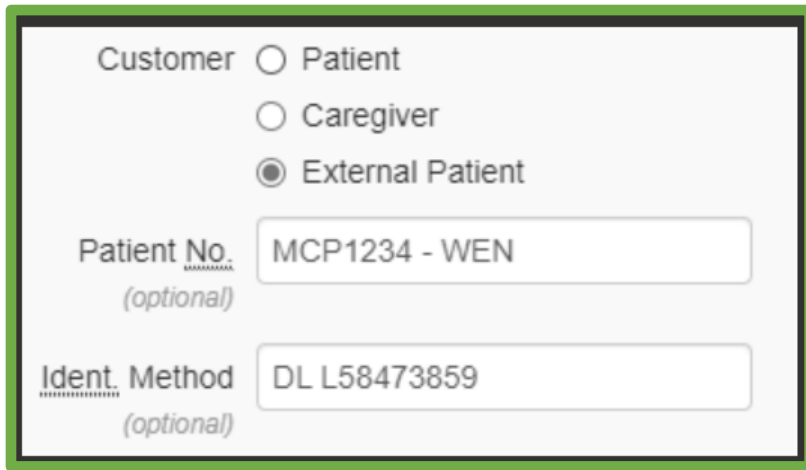
- **The requirements to make a sale to an external patient are the patient's identification number and the identification method validated by the dispensary with that number**.

- If the sale doesn't involve an external Tribal Medical Program patient, then the dispensary agent will still operate by selecting the patient or caregiver button and entering the patient's state-issued card number.
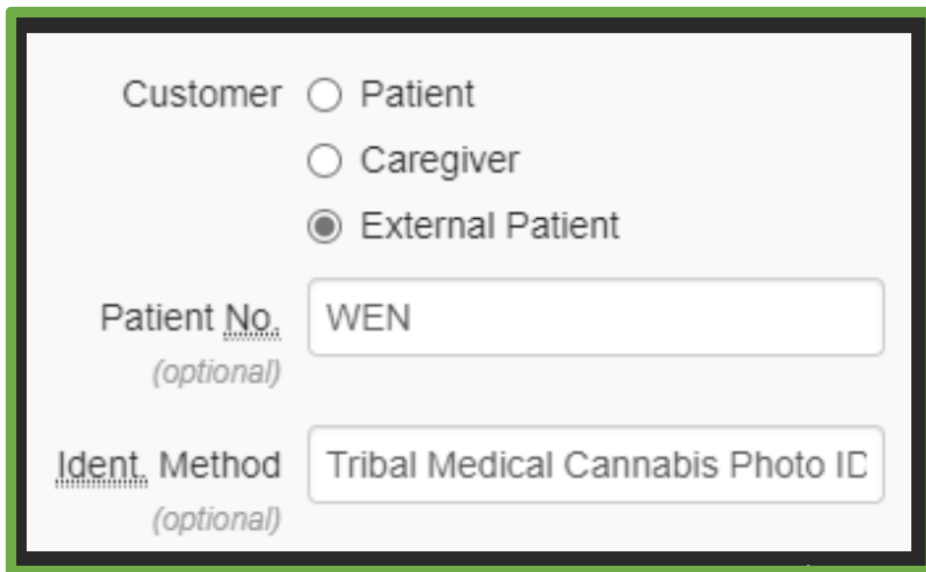

Figure 1: Example of the updated sales receipt field

Below are three examples of scenarios that may apply to proper recording of external patient sales as shown in **Figure 2** and **Figure 3**.

Figure 2: Example of External Patient Sale where the patient presents a tribal medical cannabis card which lists the patient number but is not a photo ID and a state-issued Driver's License.

Figure 3: Example of an External Patient Sale where the patient presents the tribal medical cannabis card with no patient number but does includes a photo ID but a State ID/Driver's License is not presented.
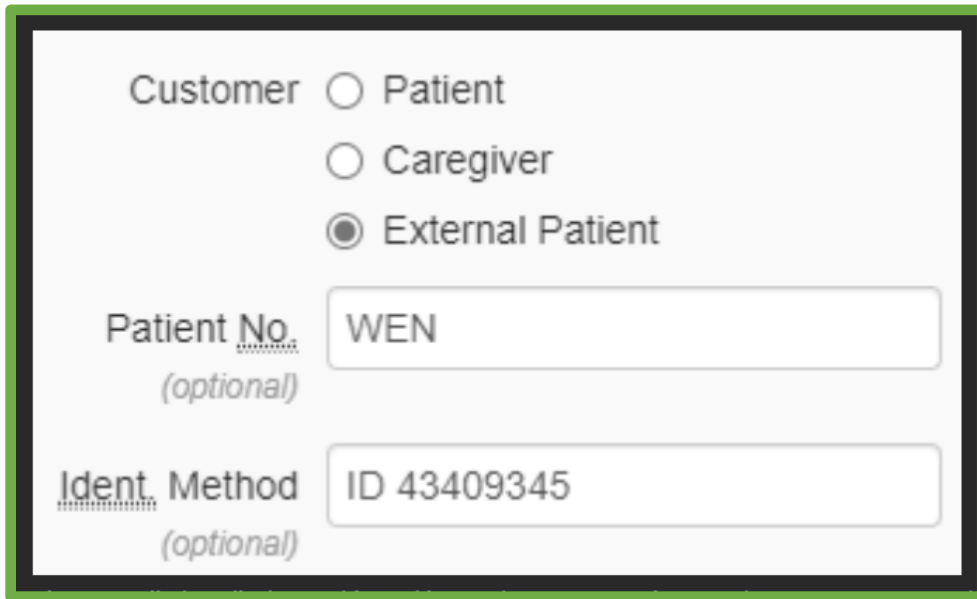
Figure 4: Example of an External Patient Sale where the Patient presents a Tribal Medical Cannabis Card with no patient number and does not have a photo ID and a state-issued ID is also presented.

- There are currently two Tribal Nations within the Minnesota Medical Cannabis Program. Below are the proper abbreviations:

  - White Earth Nation → WEN
  - Red Lake Nation → RLN

Notes to remember:
- Patients should only be designated within the patient field.
- No personally identifiable information should be entered such as name or birthdate.
- There should not be any entering of any letters, numbers, or symbols other than the ones directly designated to the patient or caregiver number.

Notes for Integrators:
- This change affects the usage of the following endpoints:
  - *POST /sales/v1/receipts*
  - *PUT /sales/v1/receipts*

- When using either of these endpoints for an external patient sale, both the *PatientLicenseNumber* and the *IdentificationMethod* fields will be required.
  - Please refer to https://api-mn.metrc.com/documentation for further details on these endpoints.

Please feel free to contact support at support@metrc.com or 877-566-6506 with any questions.