

Changes to HMIS Data Standards - Coming Oct. 1, 2019

Universal Data Elements

Intake/Admission changes:

- Living Situation section will be renamed, '**Prior Living Situation**' for clarity.
 - Options in the "Type of Residence" response drop-down list are changing.
 - "Interim Housing" will be removed. Back-entry will be required for clients who had this option selected.
 - New response options for "Host Home (non-crisis)", "Rental by client, with HCV voucher (tenant or project based)", "Rental by client in a public housing unit", "Rental by client, with RRH or equivalent subsidy."

Discharge changes:

- **Destination** – Some response options for this question are changing similarly to Prior Living Situation.

Common Data Elements

- **Current Living Situation** will replace 'Contact' for some project types (federally funded Street Outreach, Coordinated Entry, Services Only projects).
 - Required for adults and HoHs and asked at each contact on the Face Sheet or Outreach Encounter form.
 - Depending on the response to "**Current Living Situation**" list, additional housing status questions may be required:
 - "Is client going to have to leave their current living situation within 14 days?"
 - "Has a subsequent residence been identified?"
 - "Does individual or family have resources or support networks to obtain other permanent housing?"
 - "Has the client had a lease or ownership interest in a permanent housing unit in the last 60 days?"
 - "Has the client moved 2 or more times in the last 60 days?"
 - "Location details"
 - **Developmental Disability** and **HIV/AIDS** - Follow-up question to be removed in Special Needs section at intake. These two Special Needs will be automatically calculated as Disabling Conditions.

- **Domestic Violence** - Now asked in PATH and SSVF projects at intake.
- **PATH Status** – New option added to ‘Reason Not Enrolled’ question, “Unable to Locate Client”, for PATH projects.
- **Sexual Orientation** - New “Other” (with a “please describe” box) option. Required primarily in RHY projects.
- **Employment Status** - Now to be collected in GPD projects.
- **VAMC Station Number** - Now to be collected in all VA projects. *Update records for clients present on 10/1/19.
- **SSVF Service Types** – New service types to be added. *Update records for clients present on 10/1/19.
 - “Rapid Resolution”
 - “Extended Shallow Subsidy”
 - “Extended Shallow Subsidy - rental assistance” (with Cost)
 - “Returning Home”

***Important:** A training webinar will be provided on September 26, 2019 by Foothold Technology. All HMIS users are strongly encouraged to participate. [Click here to register for the webinar!](#)