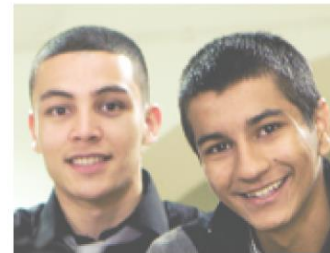


# Critical Changes to the 2014 HMIS Data Standards



# Changes will go into effect on October 1

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- Changes to **HUD Assessment** will be available morning of October 1
- Changes to **CSVs** will be available with release on evening of October 1

## 3.17: Time on Streets Emergency Shelter or Safe Haven

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- A-18: Is the client entering from the streets, an emergency shelter, or a safe haven?
- A-19: Approximate Date Started

A-18. Is the client entering from the streets, an emergency shelter, or a safe haven? \*

Yes

If the client entered from the Streets, Emergency Shelter, or Safe Haven, enter the approximate date the client started staying in that homeless situation.

The key concepts to help determine the approximate start date are:

**1.** Have the client look back to the date of the last time the client had a place to sleep that was not on the streets, ES, or SH (the response would be the day before this date.)

**2.** As the client looks back, there may be breaks in their stay on the streets, ES, or SH. The breaks are allowed to be included in the look back period to calculate the approximate start date ONLY:

If the client moved continuously between the streets, shelters, or safe havens. The approximate date would go back as far as the first time they stayed in one of those places; or

If there was a break in their stay, where they were staying in a place other than the streets, emergency shelter, or a safe haven – including doubled up, or staying with family and friends for up to seven days. The look back time would not be broken by this stay until they have stayed somewhere other than the Streets, ES, or SH for 7 days or more; or

If there was a break in their stay on the Streets, ES, or SH of less than 90 days for an institutional stay (i.e. jail, substance abuse or mental health treatment facility, hospital, or other similar facility). The look back time would include any of those days (1 thru 89) as you look back for the approximate start date.

**3.** If the client knows the month and year but not the day, the worker may substitute the day of the month with the same day of the month as project entry. For example: the client says "a couple of months". The worker clarifies - "It's March, would that mean you started sleeping on the streets in January this year?" Client affirms, yes, January, or corrects the month. The worker clarifies - "Do you know the day?" Client responds "no" - worker then enters January, day of the month of project entry, (this year).

A-19. Approximate date started \*

8/1/2015



## 3.17: Time on Streets Emergency Shelter or Safe Haven

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- A-20: Regardless of where they stayed last night -- Number of times the client has been on the streets, in an Emergency Shelter, or a Safe Haven in the past three years including today
  - Never in the three years
  - One time
  - Two times
  - Three times
  - Four or more times
- A-21: Total number of months homeless on the street, in an Emergency Shelter, or a Safe Haven in the past three years
  - selections for one month through twelve months
  - More than 12 months

A-20. Regardless of where they stayed last night -- Number of times the client has been on the streets, in an Emergency Shelter, or a Safe Haven in the past three years including today \*

Four or more times ▼

**Response Assistance:**

One month (this is the first month) - Meaning in the past three years this is the first month the client has resided on the Streets, Emergency Shelter, or a Safe Haven.

2-12 months - Count the number of months the client indicates they were homeless. If they say since January and it is now March the answer would be 3 months (January = 1, February = 2, and March = 3)

A-21. Total number of months homeless on the street, in an Emergency Shelter, or a Safe Haven in the past three years \*

9 months ▼

# Mapping from previous HUD Assessment elements

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- A-18 (Is the client entering from the streets, an emergency shelter, or a safe haven?) will be set to Yes if:
  - A-10 (What was the client's residence prior to project entry?) is Emergency Shelter, Safe Haven, or Place not meant for habitation OR
  - Old A-16 (Has the client been continuously homeless for at least one year?) was Yes
- A-19: Approximate Date Started
  - Calculate by subtracting response to old A-19 (Total number of months continuously homeless immediately prior to project entry) from Program Start Date

# Mapping from previous HUD Assessment elements

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- A-20 (Number of times the client has been on the streets, in an Emergency Shelter, or a Safe Haven in the past three years including today) maps directly from old A-17 (How many times the client has been homeless in the past three years?)
- A-21 (Total number of months homeless on the street, in an Emergency Shelter, or a Safe Haven in the past three years) maps directly from old A-18 (The number of months the client has been homeless in the past three years)



# Domestic Violence

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- Addition of A-195: Are you currently fleeing?
  - “Yes” if person is currently fleeing (or attempting to flee) a domestic violence situation or if they are afraid to return to their primary nighttime residence.
  - Projects are *not* required to collect this new information on persons whose enrollments started prior to October 1, 2015

# RHY Change #1

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- Commercial Sexual Exploitation

A-76. Has the client ever received anything in exchange for sex (e.g. money, food, drugs, shelter) \*

Yes ▼

A-77. Has the client ever received anything in exchange for sex in the last three months? \*

Yes ▼

A-80. If Yes for "Ever received anything in exchange for sex", how many times? \*

4-7 ▼

A-81. Did someone ever make or persuade the client to have sex with anyone else in exchange for something, such as money, food, drugs or shelter? \*

Yes ▼

# RHY Change #2

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## ■ Labor Exploitation

A-84. Has the client ever been afraid to leave or quit a work situation due to fears of violence or other threats of harm to themselves, family or friends?

Yes

A-85. Has the client ever been promised work where the work or payment ended up being different from what they expected?

Yes

A-86. Did the client feel forced, pressured or tricked into continuing this job? \*

Yes

A-87. Has the client had any jobs like these in the last 3 months? \*

Yes

# VA Changes

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- HP Screening Score
- VAMC Station Number

A-6. What was the clients HP Screening Score? \*

A-7. What was the client's VAMC Station Number? \*

# HOPWA Changes

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- T-cell and Viral Load

A-200. Is the clients T-cell (CD4) count available?

Yes ▼

A-201. T-cell Count \*

500

A-202. How was the information obtained? \*

Medical Report ▼

A-203. Is the client's viral load information available?

Yes ▼

A-204. Viral Load \*

100

A-205. How was the information obtained? \*

Client Report ▼

# CSV Changes: 4.1 CSVs

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- 4.1 CSVs incorporate changes to the HMIS Data Standards effective October 1 and correct issues in 4.0 CSVs
- Will be used eventually for HMIS reporting (APR, AHAR)
  - Continue using 3.04 CSVs for Agency Dash reporting
- On October 1, will be used for:
  - Uploads to another software provider or CoC (e.g., VA Uploads)
  - ESG CAPER reporting via eCART
- De-identified 4.1 CSVs will be available for RHY reporting

# Upcoming corrections from HUD

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- 3.16 Client Location (CoC Code): data collection stage will be project entry and project update
- 3.17 elements: collected for heads of household and adults

# Upcoming changes in ETO

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- System Performance Measures
- Questions collected only at entry will be hidden in non-entry assessments
  - Collect these elements ONLY in client's entry assessment
- HMIS CSV Import



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