

Key Changes to HMIS effective October 1, 2023

Client Centered Changes

HUD has merged the race and ethnicity fields into a single field. This will allow people who identify their race or ethnicity as Hispanic/Latina/e/o will be able to identify it as such. Further, a race/ethnicity category for Middle Eastern/North African has been added, allowing clients to choose the identity that best fits them. The gender options have also been updated, better aligning with the language that we know clients in our community use to identify themselves.

Additionally, 'client refused to answer' will now be reworded to read as 'client prefers not to answer'.

What else is changing?

There are a few back-end changes to the program setup information that will not impact what you see in the system. A few other fields have minor changes in the language or dropdown options. A few specific programs have more detailed changes, although none of them should pose any challenges or problems.

- If a client's exit destination, prior living situation, or current living situation was "Rental by client, with ongoing housing subsidy", a new field requires the specific type of rental subsidy. This reorganizes many of the existing subsidy options and adds in a few additional ones.
- A new field will be available to track if the client requires translation assistance.
- Veteran Specific Changes
 - Space Force is being added as an option for the branch of military the client served in
 - Extended Shallow Subsidy is being renamed as Shallow Subsidy
 - Landlord Incentive and Tenant Incentive are being added as options for the SSVF Financial Assistance Services
 - The SSVF eligibility AMI percentages are being updated to the following ranges:
 - 30% or less
 - 31% to 50%
 - 51% to 80%
 - 81% or greater

Key Changes to HMIS as provided by WellSky in their demo site:

Picklists & Elements Update

- All picklists updated from "Client Refused" to "Client prefers not to answer"
- **2.02 Target Population** picklist value updated from "DV: Domestic Violence Victim" to "DV: Survivors of Domestic Violence"
- **4.04 Health Insurance** sub-assessment picklist value updated from "Veteran's Administration (VA) Medical Services" to "Veteran's Health Administration (VHA)"
- **W1 HOPWA Services** provided picklist value updated from "Substance use disorder services/treatment" to "Substance use services/treatment"
- **W5 Housing Assessment at Exit** picklist value updated from "Client went to jail/prison" to "Jail/prison"
- **W5 Housing Assessment at Exit** picklist value updated from "Client died" to "Deceased"
- **R14 RHY Service Connections** picklist value updated from "Post-natal care for mother" to "Post-natal care for client (person who gave birth)"
- **R17 Project Completion Status** picklist value updated from "Youth voluntarily left early" to "Client voluntarily left early"
- **R17 Project Completion Status** picklist value updated from "Youth was expelled or otherwise involuntarily discharged from project" to "Client was expelled or otherwise involuntarily discharged from project"
- **R18 Counseling** picklist value updated from "Counseling received by client" to "Client received counseling"
- **V1 Veteran's Information** picklist value added "Space Force"
- **V2 Services Provided SSVF** picklist value updated from "Extended Shallow Subsidy" to "Shallow Subsidy"
- **V3 Financial Assistance SSVF** picklist value added "Landlord Incentive"
- **V4 Percentage of AMI** picklist value updated from "Less than 30%" to "30% or less"
- **V4 Percentage of AMI** picklist value updated from "30% to 50%" to "31% to 50%"
- **V4 Percentage of AMI** picklist value updated from "Greater than 50%" to "51% to 80%"
- **V4 Percentage of AMI** added new picklist value "81% or greater"

Data Element updates

- **2.02 Project Information** field **Affiliated with a Residential Project** updated to **If Services Only for "Project Type" or RRH: Services Only sub type, Affiliated with a residential project**
- **2.02 Project Information** field **Project Identifier** updated to **Project ID(s) of residential project(s) affiliated with SSO or RRH: Services Only project**
- **4.11 Domestic Violence** field "Domestic Violence Victim/Survivor" updated to "Survivor of Domestic Violence"
- **4.11 Domestic Violence** field "If Yes for "Domestic Violence Victim/Survivor" When experience occurred" updated to "If Yes for "Survivor of Domestic Violence" When experience occurred"
- **4.11 Domestic Violence** field "If Yes for "Domestic Violence Victim/Survivor" are you currently fleeing" updated to "If Yes for "Survivor of Domestic Violence" are you currently fleeing"
- **V7 HP Targeting Criteria** field from "History of literal homelessness (street/shelter/transitional housing) (any adult)" to "Past experience of Homelessness (street/shelter/transitional housing) (any adult)"
- **V7 HP Targeting Criteria** field from "Head of Household is not a current leaseholder" to "Head of Household is not a current leaseholder/renter of unit"

- **V7 HP Targeting Criteria** field from “Head of Household (HOH) has never been a leaseholder” to “Head of Household has never been a leaseholder/renter of unit”
- **V7 HP Targeting Criteria** field from “Single parent household with minor child(ren)” to “Single parent/guardian household with minor child(ren)”

News Item

New Elements/New Functionality

2.01 Organization Information

- Field **Organization Name** data entry limited to 200

2.02 Project Information

- Field **Project Name** data entry limited to 200 characters

2.02 Project Information field **Project Type** picklist value updates and mapping

- Updated “Emergency Shelter” to “Emergency Shelter – Night-by-Night”
- Added “Emergency Shelter – Entry-Exit”
- Projects previously marked as “Emergency Shelter” with an “Emergency Shelter Tracking Method” of “Night-by-Night” mapped to “Emergency Shelter – Night-by-Night”
- Projects previously marked as “Emergency Shelter” with an “Emergency Shelter Tracking Method” of “Entry-Exit” mapped to “Emergency Shelter – Entry-Exit”

2.02 Project Information added new field **If PH-Rapid Re-Housing, identify subtype**

- This field only shows when **Project Type** is “PH-Rapid Re-Housing”
- **If PH-Rapid Re-Housing, identify subtype** is a required field for all “PH-Rapid Re-Housing” projects
- Values for this field are “RRH: Services Only” or “RRH: Housing with or without Services”
- When “RRH: Services Only” is selected the data panel shows for **Project ID(s) of residential project(s) affiliated with SSO or RRH: Services Only project**

2.06 Funding Sources

- Picklist value removed “49: HUD: CoC – Joint Component RRH/PSH”
- Picklist value removed “12: Rural Housing Stability Assistance Program”
- Picklist Value added “53: HUD – ESG RUSH”
- Picklist Value added “54: HUD: Unsheltered Special NOFO”
- Picklist Value added “55: HUD: Rural Special NOFO”
- Field **Grant Identifier** data entry limited to 100 characters
- Field **If Other, Specify** data entry limited to 100 characters

2.08 HMIS Participation Status

- Added new data element which replaces use of the “Uses Community Services” field for determining HMIS Participation.
 - This new data element includes date validations to prevent creation of more than one active row at a time.
- Mapping for this element follows logic from HUD’s “FY2024 Data Standards Mapping Instructions” document found on the HUD Exchange

2.09 CE Participation Status

- Added new data element
 - This new data element includes date validations to prevent creation of more than one active row at a time.

3.917A/B Prior Living Situation

- Picklist value updated from “Emergency shelter, incl. hotel/motel paid for w/ ES voucher, or RHY-funded Host Home shelter” to “Emergency shelter, including hotel or motel paid for with emergency shelter voucher, Host Home shelter (HUD)”
- Picklist header updated from “Temporary and permanent Housing Situations” to “Temporary Housing Situations”
- Picklist updated to add new header for “Permanent Housing Situations”
- Picklist values re-ordered under headers
- Add new dependent **Rental Subsidy Type** shows when **Prior Living Situation** is “Rental by client, with ongoing housing subsidy”
- Field “Approximate start date of homelessness” updated to “Approximate date this episode of homelessness started”
- All assessments, WellSky or client created, updated to use new 3.917A/B

3.06 Gender

- Updated picklist
 - Updated “Female” to “Woman (Girl, if child)”
 - Updated “Male” to “Man (Boy, if child)”
 - Added new value “Culturally Specific Identity (e.g., Two-Spirit)”
 - Updated “A gender other than singularly female or male (e.g., non-binary, genderfluid, agender, culturally specific gender)” to “Non-Binary”
 - Added new value “Different Identity”
- Added new text field **If Different Identity, Please Specify**
- There is no data mapping for this element.

3.12 Destination

- Picklist value updated from “Emergency shelter, incl. hotel/motel paid for w/ ES voucher, or RHY-funded Host Home shelter” to “Emergency shelter, including hotel or motel paid for with emergency shelter voucher, Host Home shelter (HUD)”
- Picklist header updated from “Temporary and permanent Housing Situations” to “Temporary Housing Situations”
- Picklist updated to add new header for “Permanent Housing Situations”
- Picklist values re-ordered under headers
- Add new dependent **Rental Subsidy Type** shows when **Destination** is “Rental by client, with ongoing housing subsidy”

3.16 Enrollment CoC

- Element formerly named Client Location
- Element set to “required”

4.12 Current Living Situation

- Picklist value updated from “Emergency shelter, incl. hotel/motel paid for w/ ES voucher, or RHY-funded Host Home shelter” to “Emergency shelter, including hotel or motel paid for with emergency shelter voucher, Host Home shelter (HUD)”
- Picklist header updated from “Temporary and permanent Housing Situations” to “Temporary Housing Situations”
- Picklist updated to add new header for “Permanent Housing Situations”
- Picklist values re-ordered under headers
- Add new dependent **Rental Subsidy Type** shows when **Current Living Situation** is “Rental by client, with ongoing housing subsidy”

C4 Translation Assistance Needed

- Added new element
- This element contains conditional logic to show the “Preferred Language” picklist.