# **HMIS** Newsletter

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## HMIS 2021 Updates

- Every year HUD updates their HMIS Data Standards. Data Standards are the HMIS guidebook!
- These updates will take place October 1st 2021.
  - Please note that not all updates may apply to your program or agency and may be based upon your funding.
  - Also note these are subject to change before October 1st!
- See <u>THIS LINK</u> if you want to look at the data standards. (Or google "HUD 2022 HMIS manual" if you don't wanna click weird links!)
- We will hold an additional webinar and training in September before these updates go live.

### **General Updates**

- Race, Ethnicity, and Gender will have updated options and wording available.
- Coordinated Entry Event adds referral options for HCV, emergency assistance, and HSV.
- Updated wording for disability descriptions
- HOPWA questions are updating wording on Services Provided, T-Cell, and Medical Assistance fields.
- SSVF Housing Prevention Targeting Criteria revised wording and questions asked.

### New 2021 HMIS Updates

#### **NEW Questions**

- For PSH projects:
  - Well Being-Collected at Start, Interim, and Exit (as needed). Records how the client is 'feeling' at time of data collection.
  - Moving On Assistance Provided-Collected at Start, Interim, and Exit (as needed). Records if/when assistance is provided for 'moving on' from PSH.
  - General Health Status-Collected at Start and Exit. Records General Health Status of client in terms of excellent to poor.
- For YHDP projects:
  - Youth Education Status-Collected at Start and Exit. Records information about the client's education history and status.
- For HOPWA projects:
  - <u>Prescribed Anti-Retroviral</u>-Collected at Start, Interim, and Exit (as needed). Records if/when the client has been prescribed antiretroviral drugs.

## Housekeeping

#### **Destination Reminder!**

Destinations only refer to WHERE the client goes and not the WHY. There is also an available destination specifically for any clients being referred to Section 8 or using a HCV. Please use that destination option when making referrals to those types of housing.

