

HMIS Updates

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HMIS Wording Changes

Wording Changes

- **Race (All Projects)**

- American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous
- Asian or Asian American
- Black, African American or African
- Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander

- **Ethnicity (All Projects)**

- Non-Hispanic/Non-Latin(a)(o)(x)
- Hispanic/Latin(a)(o)(x)

- **Gender (All Projects)**

- Female
- Male
- A gender other than singularly female or male (e.g., non-binary, genderfluid, agender, culturally specific gender)
- Transgender
- Questioning

(All fields throughout HMIS)

- **Mental Health Problem** -> Mental Health Disorder
- **Substance Abuse** -> Substance Disorder

HMIS Revised Drop Down Menu Options

New Options

- **Coordinated Entry Event (All Projects)**
 - Referral to emergency assistance/flex fund/furniture assistance
 - Referral to Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV)
 - Referral to a Housing Stability Voucher
- **Medical Assistance (HOPWA Projects)**
 - Receiving Public HIV/AIDS Medical Assistance
 - If No for Receiving Public HIV/AIDS Medical Assistance reason
 - Receiving AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP)
 - If No for Receiving AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) reason
 - Receiving Ryan White-funded Medical or Dental Assistance
 - If No for Receiving Ryan White-funded Medical or Dental Assistance reason
- **Financial Assistance (SSVF Projects)**
 - Merge “General Housing Stability Assistance – Emergency Supplies” into “General Housing Stability Assistance – Other” and rename to “General Housing Stability Assistance” (removing the “other” option).
 - Add “Food Assistance” as picklist option

New Data Elements

New Questions

- **Well-Being (PSH Projects)**
 - Client perceives their life has value and worth
 - Client perceives they have support from others who will listen to problems
 - Client perceives they have a tendency to bounce back after hard times
 - Client's frequency of feeling nervous, tense worried, frustrated or afraid
 - Responses: Strongly disagree; Somewhat disagree; Neither agree nor disagree; Somewhat agree; Strongly agree.
 - Collection point: Project Start, Annual Assessment, Project Exit.
- **Moving On Assistance Provided (PSH projects)**
 - Date of Moving On Assistance
 - Moving On Assistance
 - Responses: Subsidized housing application assistance; Financial assistance for Moving On (e.g., security deposit, moving expenses); Non-financial assistance for Moving On (e.g., housing navigation, transition support); Housing referral/placement
 - Collection Point: Occurrence Point (Mainly Project Exit)

New Data Elements

New Questions

- **Youth Education Status (YHDP Projects)** *Logic Dependent Question*
 - (Q1) Current school enrollment and attendance status
 - (Q2) Most Recent Educational Status if not currently enrolled in any school or educational course (Dependent question to Q1 with Conditional Logic) if “Not currently enrolled...”
 - (Q3) Current Education Status (dependent to Q1 with conditional logic) if “Currently Enrolled...”
 - Collection Point: Project Start & Project Exit
- **Prescribed Anti-Viral (HOPWA Projects)**
 - Has the participant been prescribed anti-retroviral drugs? Y/N
 - Collection Point: Project Start, Update, Project Exit

Back Data Entry Requirements

- **CE Event (All Projects)**
 - For any client with an EHV referral, backdate event to date of referral. (HAWNY has started this)
- **Youth Education Status (YHDP Projects)**
 - Collect this field for all clients in any YHDP-funded project that are active as of October 1, 2021. Data collected should reflect the Youth's education status as of project start.
- **All other revised elements can be updated or collected at the appropriate occurrence point for active/new clients.**