



Changes in the FY2020 Data Standards

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All HMIS software systems must have been updated to reflect standards on Oct. 1, 2019.



Most data element changes were implemented on Oct. 1, 2019.



New C.E. data elements have extended implementation timeframe, special rules.











Federal Partner (e.g., PATH, RHY, VA) Manuals for FY2020 were recently released.

Changes in the FY2020 Data Standards

Organization & Project Setup

- ICA Victim Service Provider is now recorded at organization level, rather than project level.
- ICA “HMIS Participating Beds” changed to “HMIS Participating Project” to accommodate projects that participate in HMIS but do not have beds (e.g., prevention, services only, and coordinated entry projects).
- ICA Project type of “Coordinated Assessment” renamed to “Coordinated Entry.”
- ICA Project street address, city and state changed from one-per-project to one-per-project-per-CoC. This now aligns with requirements for geocode, geography type, and zip code.
- ICA Created space to officially record state & local funding sources that mandate HMIS participation. In Missouri, ICA has been tracking this in HMIS in a workaround fashion.








Bed and Unit Inventory

-  Split apart different types of dedicated beds. New categories are:
 -  Chronically Homeless Veterans and their household members
 -  Youth Veterans and their household members
 -  Other Veterans and their household members
 -  Chronically Homeless Youth and their household members
 -  Other Youth and their household members
 -  Other Chronically Homeless individuals and their household members
 -  Non-dedicated beds for all other households









Clarifications around Data Element Association (UDEs)



ELEMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH CLIENT RECORD

-  3.01 Name
-  3.02 Social Security Number
-  3.03 Date of Birth
-  3.04 Race
-  3.05 Ethnicity
-  3.06 Gender
-  3.07 Veteran Status

ELEMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH PROJECT STAY

-  3.08 Disabling Condition
-  3.10 Project Start Date
-  3.11 Project Exit Date
-  3.12 Destination
-  3.15 Relationship to Head of Household
-  3.16 Client Location (CoC)
-  3.20 Housing Move-In Date
-  3.917 Prior Living Situation

Clarifications around Data Element Association (CDEs)



ELEMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH PROJECT STAY

 4.02 Income and Sources

 4.03 Non-Cash Benefits

 4.04 Health Insurance

 4.05 Physical Disability

 4.06 Developmental Disability

 4.07 Chronic Health Condition

 4.08 HIV/AIDS

 4.09 Mental Health Problem

 4.10 Substance Abuse

 4.11 Domestic Violence

 4.12 Current Living Situation


 4.13 Date of Engagement

 4.19 Coordinated Entry Assessment (NEW)


 4.20 Coordinated Entry Event (NEW)

Special Needs Assessment

Developmental Disability:

-  Removed dependent field "Substantially impedes the individual's ability to live independently" because the presence of this condition in and of itself conforms to this designation.

HIV/AIDS:

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Domestic Violence:

-  Now required for all PATH and SSVF projects.

Significant Change: Current Living Situation



- ICA “Contacts” were replaced with “Current Living Situation” and questions were changed significantly.
- ICA Now collected by coordinated entry projects in addition to the street outreach and PATH projects that were already collecting them.
- ICA The “Current Living Situation” questions are designed to show differently based upon federal funding source and project type.
 - ICA PATH projects will have fewer options in the dropdown for living situation.
 - ICA Coordinated Entry projects will also require the selection of the agency recording in the element.
- ICA Lists of living situations utilized for prior living situation, current living situation, and destination will now be similar in layout and contents.



New Data Elements: Coordinated Entry



- ICA The new coordinated entry-specific data elements must be collected by CoCs with CoC-funded coordinated entry projects. All other CoCs are encouraged, but not required to use these elements.
 - ICA Required: St. Louis City & St. Louis County
 - ICA Encouraged: Balance of State, Joplin & Springfield
- ICA Data standards allow for new coordinated entry-specific data elements to be implemented between October 1, 2019 and April 1, 2020.
- ICA In a prior announcement, HUD called for a single CE project to be established in each CoC, or regional projects in large CoCs, with the intent that clients have a single CE entry per homeless episode (HUD's New Coordinated Entry Data Elements, May 2019).

New Data Element: Coordinated Entry Assessment



-  A new, flexible data element that collects assessment date, location and result. CoCs may define their own assessment questions and responses, but assessments must be categorized as crisis needs or housing needs assessments.
-  CoCs may set up different versions of the data element to accommodate for the way they operate (e.g., different sets of questions for families than individuals).

New Data Element: Coordinated Entry Event



- A new data element that captures key referral and placement events, as well as the results of those events. Events to track include:
 - Referrals to services, including prevention; problem solving/diversion/rapid resolution intervention; coordinated entry crisis assessment; coordinated entry housing needs assessment; follow-up case management; street outreach/services; housing navigation; non-continuum services
 - Referrals to shelter/housing openings in emergency shelter, transitional housing, joint TH-RRH, rapid rehousing, permanent supportive housing, or other PH
- For referrals to shelter/housing openings, data element must include the project to which the referral was made
- Includes a “referral result” to document whether the referral was successful or unsuccessful and the date of the outcome.

Federal Partner Project-specific Elements



- ICA PATH: Reason not enrolled now includes option of “unable to locate client.”
- ICA RHY: Sexual orientation question now includes an “other” option with a text field to specify.
- ICA RHY: Clarified that pregnancy status must be recorded regardless of age for female HoHs.
- ICA GPD: Now collects employment status and VAMC Station Number.
- ICA SSVF: “Rapid resolution,” “extended shallow subsidy,” and “returning home” now added as service types, and “extended shallow subsidy – rental assistance” added as a financial assistance type.
- ICA SSVF: New project named “SSVF Rapid Resolution” established.