

HMIS 2020 Data Standard Changes – Quick Guide

The following is a guide detailing the 2020 data standard changes. In addition to this quick guide, an online training will also be available in mid-October. This training will be mandatory for all users. An optional street outreach training will be available at the start of October. Although this training is optional, we **highly recommend** all street outreach users complete this training.

For the full text of the 2020 HMIS Data Standards, please click here: [2020 Data Standards](#)

UNIVERSAL DATA ELEMENTS

The following changes have been made to the Universal Data Elements in the 2020 Data Standards:

- 1) New options have been **added** to the “Destination” and “Prior Living Situation” picklists:
 - a. “Host home (noncrisis)”
 - b. “Rental by client in a public housing unit”
 - c. “Rental by client, with HCV voucher (tenant or project based)”
- 2) An option has been **removed** from the “Prior Living Situation” picklist:
 - a. “Interim Housing” is no longer a valid selection
 - i. HMIS Staff will reach out to you to correct impacted records. No action is needed at this time.

PROGRAM DATA ELEMENTS

The following changes have been made to the Program Data Elements in the 2020 Data Standards:

- 1) Under the disabilities sub-assessment, the dependent question “If Yes, Expected to be of long-continued and indefinite duration and substantially impairs ability to live independently” has been removed from the following disability types:
 - a. “Developmental Disability”
 - b. “HIV/AIDS”
- 2) The “Contact” data element has been renamed to “Current Living Situation.”
 - a. The question “Staying on the Streets, in an Emergency Shelter, or in a Safe Haven?” has been replaced by a new picklist of options.
 - i. PATH projects will now select between 5 options
 - ii. Street Outreach projects will now select between 30 options
 1. Additional options may populate depending on the selection

PROJECT TYPE CHANGES

The following changes have been made to specific project types in HMIS:

- 1) PATH Projects
 - a. The picklist for “PATH Status” now includes “Unable to locate client.”
 - b. Collection of “Domestic Violence” information is now required.
- 2) SSVF Projects
 - a. Collection of “Domestic Violence” information is now required.
- 3) RHY Projects
 - a. The picklist for “Sexual Orientation” now includes “Other” with a text field.
- 4) GPD Projects
 - a. All GPD projects now collect “VAMC Station Number” and “Employment Status.” Clients active as of 10/1/2019 will need to have their records updated.
- 5) CRS Projects
 - a. All CRS projects now collect “VAMC Station Number.” Clients active as of 10/1/2019 will need to have their records updated.