HMIS Data Collection Requirements for Transition to FY 2026 HMIS Data Standards

October 2025

The FY 2026 HMIS Data Standards have an effective date of October 1, 2025. In the FY 2026 Data Standards update, there were new data elements added (e.g., V10 Mental Health Consultation) and existing data elements retired (e.g., 3.06 Gender). To retain as much previously collected data as possible, HUD provides HMIS and comparable database software vendors with mapping instructions to map data from the prior version of the HMIS Data Standards to the FY 2026 HMIS Data Standards version. HMIS System Administrators are encouraged to review the mapping completed by the HMIS vendor for accuracy. Remember, CoCs continue to have the ability to make local decisions about data collection above and beyond the HMIS Data Standards. Mapping guidance can be found on the HUD Exchange.

In some cases where mapping existing data is not possible, HMIS System Administrators and/or HMIS end users may need to "back enter" data for active clients. In the context of this guidance, "active" means any client that is not exited from a project as of October 1, 2025. Data entry requirements are described below.

Element Number	Element Name	Change	Data Entry Requirement
2.06			ESG-CV and HOPWA-CV projects should be closed. If the project is still operating, a grant end date must be entered as of the end of the award.
3.04	Race/ Ethnicity Gender	Wording change Element retired	None - Change <i>from</i> Hispanic/Latina/e/o to Hispanic/Latina/o in response options None - Data collection no longer
3.20	Housing Move-in Date	Now applicable to VA – GPD: SSO Case Management/Housing Retention (only)	required Record a Housing Move-in Date for all active Heads of Household in housing as of October 1, 2025.
4.05 – 4.10	 Physical Disability Development Disability Chronic Health Condition HIV/AIDS Mental Health Disorder Substance Use Disorder 	No longer applicable to VA: GPD components VA: Community Contract Safe Haven VA: CRS Contract Residential Services HUD: HUD-VASH –	None – vendors will be provided with mapping guidance if data in these fields was being used to populate 3.08 Disabling Condition.

4.21	Sex	New	None - Begin collecting on clients that
			enter the project on or after October 1,
			2025.
C4	Translation	Element Retired	None
	Assistance		
	Needed		
R3	Sexual	Element retired	None – Data collection no longer
	Orientation		required.
R13	Family Critical	Add new response options	None – Begin collecting on clients that
	Issues	of "Client doesn't know,	enter the project on or after October 1,
		Client prefers not to	2025.
		answer, and Data not	
		collected".	
V3	Financial	New field – "Date Provided"	None - Vendors were provided with
	Assistance -		mapping guidance. HMIS end users
	SSVF		should record the date that the financial
			assistance is provided for all clients that
			receive financial assistance on or after
			October 1, 2025. See the VA Data guide
			for more information about this field.
V2	Services	Add new response option of	None – HMIS end users should begin
	Provided – SSVF	"Healthcare Navigation" to	recording if this service is provided on or
		Field 1.	after October 1, 2025.
V7	HP Targeting	Wording changes on	None
	Criteria	dependency P and Q.	
V10	Mental Health	New	None – Begin collecting on ALL
	Consultation		VETERANS that enter the project on or
			after October 1, 2025.

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