

HMIS Lead / Sys Admin – Q&A

Questions from 6/16/21 Webinar

For any questions that were not addressed on the webinar, or if there are specific questions to your own systems, please submit an HMIS AAQ to receive a thorough answer: <https://www.hudexchange.info/program-support/my-question/>

Q: How do we join the HMIS Lead Webinar distribution list?

A: You can join the distribution list and receive notices to participate in the monthly webinars by selecting "I'd also like to receive updates as an HMIS Lead/System Administrator" on the HUD Exchange Mailing List here: <https://www.hudexchange.info/maillinglist/subscribe/>.

Q: Where can we submit our 2022 data standard comment or a FY2024 suggestion?

A: All data standard suggestions can be made through the HUD AAQ portal here: <https://www.hudexchange.info/program-support/my-question/>

Q: When will the mapping and report specifications be released?

A: They are being worked on now and should be out soon.

Q: If a community wants to participate, or knows of a community who should participate, in the race and ethnicity data standard update process, how should they go about doing that?

A: If there is interest to participate, communities can submit an AAQ with their interest. <https://www.hudexchange.info/program-support/my-question/>

Q: How can a community request to be part of the Community Workshops?

A: For Community Workshop registration information please contact Alissa Parrish at Alissa.Parrish@icf.com

Q: How can HMIS leads support VSPs if they don't have access to their data?

A: There are a variety of ways an HMIS lead can support their VSP comparable databases. Starting with contract negotiation and creation of an RFP for a comparable database. More examples can be found in the [CoC/VSP and Comparable Database Responsibilities](#) workshop from the Spring 2020 NHSDC conference.

Q: Where can we find the VSP checklist, comparable database manual?

A:

- Manual: <https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/6305/hmis-comparable-database-manual/>
- Checklist: <https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/COVID-19-Homeless-System-Response-Comparable-Database-Vendor-Checklist.pdf>

Q: How can we register for the On Demand Data Analytics course?

A: Registration information will be sent out in mid-July through the HUD Exchange. The first course starts on 8/2/21, is limited to 200 participants, and is available at no cost to participants.

Q: Is there a list of systems that have been verified as HMIS or comparable to HMIS?

A: HUD does not have an approval or certification process for HMIS at this time. As a result, we are not able to endorse or approve any software vendors or products, and we do not maintain a definitive list of them.

Q: Can multiple VSPs enter into the same comparable database within one community, or does each one need a separate database?

A: Multiple VSPs cannot use the same comparable database. This is a VAWA restriction.

Q: When will the new HMIS Lead Series tool – End User Guide be available?

A: It should be up on the HUD Exchange by the end of the June.

Q: Have the updated CE APR specs been released to vendors yet?

A: The CE APR specs for FY2022 have not been published at this point. FY2020 are available here:

<https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/HMIS-Programming-Specifications-for-Coordinated-Entry-APR-CE-APR-CSV.pdf>

Q: Will EHV be reported on our CoC's HIC?

A: HUD anticipates requiring CoCs to include EHV projects in the HIC and HMIS grants beginning with the 2022 HIC. HUD plans on updating its HIC/PIT Count Notice which will specify whether EHV will be required. Please stay tuned for guidance and ensure you have access to up-to-date information from HUD via the HMIS listserv.

Q: Have HMIS vendors already been told about the new CE Response #17?

A: Yes, and it is a requirement for the 10/1/ data standard update, but vendors and communities can implement it earlier if they choose.

Q: If we choose to include EHV's in HMIS, what is the correct project type?

A: This guidance is pending.

Q: Is there a requirement to collect client level data on EHV's in HMIS?

A: No.

Q: Who will be prioritized for EHV's?

A: This will depend on the prioritization criteria that is outlined in the MOU between your CoCs and PHAs.

Q: Are HUD CE elements required if we don't receive any HUD CE SSO funding?

A: It is not a requirement if you do not receive CE funding, no.

Q: What will the Housing Authorities be reporting to HUD on EHV?

A: EHV will use a new HUD reporting system (PICNG) to collect tenant-level data from the HUD 50058. HUD expects this system to be available during the summer of 2021. In the meantime, PHAs are required to collect and maintain HUD 50058 ("PIC") information for EHV participants. HUD will also collect PHA-level program utilization data in the Voucher Management System (VMS). HUD is planning to issue a Notice that will cover EHV Reporting and will host a webinar in mid-June (tentatively June 23) to discuss any questions/concerns PHAs may have. Technical assistance will be available to support PHAs in adopting the new PICNG system.

Q: If a project is on the HIC, it has to be set up in HMIS, even if it's "Non-participating" in HMIS, correct?

A: Correct.

Q: Where can I find the new consecutive / concurrent ESG-CV guidance?

A: <https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/COVID-19-Homeless-System-Response-HMIS-Project-Setup-for-ESG-CV-Funded-RRH-and-HP.pdf>

Q: If the EHV client data not required in HMIS but is required in the HIC does this not create issues with the LSA reporting?

A: The LSA accounts for the HMIS Participation Status. If there are no enrollments in a project and the project has and HMIS Participation Status = No, no error will be generated because that is as expected.

Q: Our CoC is using separate agencies for the case management of CV Rapid Rehousing clients? Will the CAPER recognize those clients as duplicate data?

A: The CAPER bundles for ESG-CV will deduplicate the clients.

Q: When is the CE APR required to be in HMIS?

A: 10/1/2021

Q: Where will all of the HMIS lead materials be located on the Exchange?

A: <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/hmis/hmis-lead-sys-admin-webinars/>