

# HMIS Lead / Sys Admin – Q&A

## Questions from 3/17/21 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:** If you are not a member of the hub please send an email to [hmis@cloudburstgroup.com](mailto:hmis@cloudburstgroup.com) to be added.

**Q:** Where can we submit our 2022 data standard suggestions?

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

**Q:** Are vaccine data elements going to be required?

**A:** Not required, no - they are just recommendations.

**Q:** When will HDX be open for HIC/PIT? When will it be due?

**A:** We anticipate HDX opening soon for HIC and PIT submission – the deadline will be April 30th.

**Q:** With the updates to the data standards, why was Caucasian not added to white?

**A:** We did not receive requests for this change through the AAQ, Federal Partners, or communities. If this is a change you think should be considered, please submit this in the AAQ for the next Data Standards change cycle.

**Q:** Are the data standard updates HMIS Lead or Vendors responsibility to update in HMIS?

**A:** HUD releases the data elements to the Vendors, CoC Leads, and HMIS Leads and it is everyone's responsibility to plan how to roll out the changes in time (October 1, 2021). We can't speak to who does what in each implementation.

**Q:** How are the gender options mapped?

**A:** When the final standard changes are released, a mapping of each element from FY 2020 options to FY 2022 options is released as well.

**Q:** What does "Questioning" mean for gender?

**A:** Here is the definition of that response according to the draft data standards manual: Clients who may not relate to or identify with a gender identity at this time. May be used in conjunction with any other response to this field except 'Client doesn't know,' 'Client refused,' and 'Data not collected.'

**Q:** Not all vendors currently support multiselect, will multiselect be a requirement in this update?

**A:** Multi-select is required of Race already, so if your vendor isn't able to do that you may need to ask how they are meeting the HUD Data Standards with their product.

**Q:** Has there been consideration for having pronouns as a follow up question instead of changing gender options?

**A:** We were restricted in the degree to which we were able to alter this data element, and look forward to continuing to improve data collection related to gender identity. All data standard suggestions can be made through the HUD AAQ portal here: <https://www.hudexchange.info/program-support/my-question/>

**Q:** Who was consulted for the demographic data element changes?

**A:** People with lived experience of homelessness, advocates, homeless services providers, current and past Continuum of Care/HMIS Leads, academics/researchers, and Federal Partners (DOJ, VA, HHS, & ED)

**Q:** When are the FY2022 data standards expected to be implemented?

**A:** 10/1/21

**Q:** Will the HoH requirements mean that vendors have to make it impossible to create <>1 HoH per Enrollment?

**A:** Yes.

**Q:** For clients aging into adulthood, so once they are 18 you would update the entry assessment to be \$0 income (regardless of what their actual income was at that time), and then create an update assessment to capture their current income?

**A:** Yes - that is the idea.

**Q:** Are there any updates about LSA usability?

**A:** Thank you for your question. The usability reviews are still underway at this time.

**Q:** When the information migrates to the HUDEXchange from Sakai, will it still be limited access.

**A:** It will be completed in the next few months and access is still being determined.

**Q:** What information will be migrated from the current hub to Sakai?

**A:** Details on that are being worked out now, and will be communicated well in advance of any data migration.

**Q:** Is HUD considering having HMIS Vendors install the flags as edits within the HMIS before LSA Export is created?

**A:** Exploration of the best way to connect communities to the data quality checks that take place during the LSA in a way that exposes needed IDs related (i.e., personalID/enrollmentID) to the issues is underway.