

HMIS Lead / Sys Admin – Q&A

Questions from 10/20/21 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/mailinglist/subscribe/>.

Q: Does HUD anticipate there will be PIT count exemptions again for 2022?

A: At this time HUD does not anticipate any exemptions for 2022. Any changes will be communicated through the [SNAPS Program Information](#) listserv via HUD.gov.

Q: When will the PIT/HIC notice be released?

A: In the near future, HUD expects to publish an updated HIC and PIT Count Data Collection Notice that will align with the 2022 HMIS Data Standards. There is no firm date for its release, and will be communicated through the [SNAPS Program Information](#) listserv via HUD.gov.

Q: How does or does the SPM play into the HUD Competition report that is part of the NOFO?

A: HUD cannot speak to the competition in any way at this time.

Q: When will the next NHSDC conference be?

A: The conference will be in person in April of 2022 held in Minneapolis, MN.

Q: The notification for the latest HMIS Data Analytics On-Demand Course session went out around 6:30AM west coast time and we heard was full before 9AM. Any plans for the next cohort to launch at a more equitable time for people regardless of time-zone?

A: Yes. HUD is working through options to make this more widely available & accessible for all. When more information is available it will be communicated through the HUD Exchange Mailing List here: <https://www.hudexchange.info/mailinglist/subscribe/>

Q: Comparable Databases question : Total # of beds funded by VSP divided by Total # of beds entering. How would we obtain this information?

A: Bed/unit inventory data is available on the CoC's Housing Inventory Count and/or in the PDDEs in HMIS. Even if VSPs can't enter client data in HMIS, their PDDEs should be there. Then, you would reach out and ask them for the count of those inventory beds/units that they are entering into their Comparable Database.

Q: When will the usability for last year's LSA be provided?

A: This is under consideration but has not been determined.

Q: As we're cleaning our data in our HMIS, we were originally just looking at the 10/1/20 - 9/30/21 period. Should we be double-checking data from 10/1/18 - 9/30/20? Like, will we be re-submitting that data, or will we be only submitting reports from 10/1/20-9/30/21?

A: Yes, it is important that data are as accurate as possible for the three year period.

Q: Where can I find guidance about properly recording RRH inventory?

A: <https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/5910/record-report-rrh-bed-inventories/>

Q: What are the thresholds that constitute high rates of missing data?

A: All data are taken in context of any other issues, but for data quality issues, if you have a missing DoB of 10% that's a significant issue.

Q: Will the HMIS CSV Data Quality tool be available for this year's LSA?

A: You will be able to use it for any time period you wish. The tool is expected to be published prior to the FY22 LSA Initial Data Upload period.

Q: On the HUD HDX page it says that LSA is open for upload on October 19. Is that from last year (2020)?

A: Yes. HDX2.0 has been updated to reflect the current dates.

Q: For ESG-CV, does the recipient need to request an extension if a VSP cannot submit on time?

A: Yes.

Q: Is there recognition of data standard delays and competing deadlines are doing to HMIS lead staff?

A: These delays certainly impact the HMIS Leads. HUD always consider this burden on the HMIS Leads and try to create flexibilities in the timeline when we can and decrease burdens when possible. We truly appreciate all of the hard work that you are engaged in and will continue to try to reduce these burdens in a meaningful way.

Q: Is the DMAT publicly available yet? If so, where can I locate it?

A: Not yet - when it goes live there will be an announcement through the HUD Exchange.

Q: Communities have issues with ESG recipients getting the HMIS leads the links on the last possible minute. HMIS lead agencies want to make sure that they are not being marked as late or seen in a negative light.

A: The ESG recipient is ultimately responsible for the timely submission of their report. They need to account for the blackout period and actual time to generate the report when they send you the link. If you haven't heard from them yet, it might not hurt to reach out remind them of the timeline and blackout period.

Q: Can you tell us what questions we should review for data quality when submitting the ESG CV?

A: Q6a - Q6f are the data quality questions in the CAPER, reviewing those would be a great start.

Q: For the CSV Data Quality Tool, is this the current CSV export or something new that we use with this new tool?

A: The current HMIS CSV as specified here:

https://hudhdx.info/Resources/Vendors/HMIS_CSV_Specifications_FY2022_v1.0.pdf

Q: Are EHV programs supposed to be included in our SPMs?

A: EHV vouchers should be included in HIC and HMIS and if you type code them as "PH-Housing with Services" or "PH-Housing Only" they will not be included in SPMs, no. If you type code them as "PSH" they will be included in LSAs and System Performance Measures.

Q: is this tool limited to local HMIS admins or can agency level staff use it as well?

A: It depends on if agency level staff are able to export the CSV or it may be provided. Could send just results to them, too.

Q: Will the Data Quality Tool be useable for the 2020 CSV and 2022 CSV?

A: 2022 only

Q: Could HUD publish a list of compatible comparable databases for VSPs?

A: No, HUD does not publish lists of HMIS or comparable database vendors.