

HMIS Lead / Sys Admin – Q&A

Questions from 9/15/21 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/>

Webinar Logistics

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/>.

Reporting Questions

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 HUD Exchange Listserv.

Q: How does or doesn't 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.

NHSDC

Q: Will NHSDC be virtual or in person this year?

A: The conference will be in person, and only the HUD sessions will be livestreamed.

Data Analytics Online Course

Q: Will the second cohort of the data analytics course be different than the first?

A: No. The content will be the same.

Q: Will there be additional cohorts for the HMIS Data Analytics Course at later dates?

A: HUD anticipates additional cohorts. Information will be communicated through the HUD Exchange Listserv.

Q: If we have questions on the HMIS Analytics Course, who can we reach out to?

A: hmisonlinecourse@cloudburstgroup.com

Advanced HMIS Admin Group

Q: How can we participate in the advanced HMIS admin group?

A: Please submit an AAQ to the HMIS desk with the name of the community that would like to participate and the example description of your innovative/creative HMIS implementation, and, if selected, a TA provider will get back to you once the initiative begins. <https://www.hudexchange.info/program-support/my-question/>

Comparable Databases

Q: Where can we get more information about comparable databases and compliance in our community?

A: The Comparable Database [Decision Tree](#), [Data Manual](#), and [Vendor Checklist](#) are available on the HUD

Exchange. If, after reviewing those materials you still have questions, please submit an HMIS AAQ for further specific comparable database guidance.

LSA

Q: When will the macro enable workbook be available?

A: There is no firm date, but HUD hopes to have it released in October.

Q: Will LSA usability report be available?

A: Usability processes are still going on within the LSA/AHAR team.

Q: What are the thresholds for high and low utilization? Does it vary by project type?

A: It does not vary by project type. The flag logic is checking for utilization below 65% and over 105%.

Q: Question on ES project overlaps. If the client is exited at 7am from Shelter 1 and stays in Shelter 2 starting at 8pm that same night, does the LSA look at that as an overlap?

A: That does not count as an overlap.

Q: If a project goes from NON HMIS to Using HMIS we have to close out the NON HMIS project and create a NEW project? the same for the reverse?

A: Generally, yes. That is what the HMIS Data Standards expect.

Q: Where are the expectations for back data entry for the FY22 data standards?

A: <https://www.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/Data-Entry-for-FY-2022-Data-Standards-Update.pdf>

Q: Will the next LSA submission be calculated using the new 2022 Data Standards requirements?

A: Correct.

Q: Why does an inventory need to be ended when the project has ended and everyone is exited?

A: Inventory is a different record in your database and could cause confusion on the analysis side if it isn't ended, too. If you want to work with your software provider to make some "auto-end" policies you're welcome to do so.

Q: I am noticing that programs that were formed by the merger of other programs have clients listed under the LSA Data Quality Error of "Enrollments that began/ended outside of the program begin/end dates."

The clients were enrolled in previous programs that were merged into newly named programs.

A: We have great guidance about this in the following doc: <https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/6092/grant-consolidation-and-closing-projects-how-to-handle-client-data-in-hmis/> and if you have any other questions please submit an HMIS AAQ.

Q: Any significant changes to LSA coding this year? Where can we find the programming specs?

A: In comparison to changes for 2019/2020, the changes are not as significant. Changes were due to changes in the data standards and an expansion of rows in the LSACalculated file. Updated LSA programming specs are currently with the vendors. HUD provides data standards and programming specifications to HMIS vendors in advance of their full release to enable vendors to review and identify any potential areas of concern in the materials prior to full release.

Q: Can Services Only programs overlap with other types of programs?

A: There are no prohibitions for Services Only projects regarding overlaps. Overlaps issues only exist for residential projects.

Q: So if the bednight is a date range 9/15-9/16 then the exit date should be 9/16 or 9/17?

A: If a bednight is logged for 9/15 and 9/16, the exit date would be 9/17 because the bednight date of 9/16 means they slept in the shelter on 9/16 and left on 9/17. Bednights are not recorded as a range in the data standards but rather as discrete individual dates.

Sage

Q: Where are the table shells located?

A: <https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/5302/coc-apr-sage-hmis-reporting-repository-templates/>

Q: Will Sage be updated on Oct 1 to accept the reports using the new standards prior to us loading the ESG-CV quarterly reporting?

A: Yes, On October 1st, Sage will accept the new FY 2022 version of the CAPER used for ESG-CV reporting.

Other Data Standards or Reporting Questions

Q: We were told in previous webinars that guidance on how to collect the C1 Well-being questions would be provided prior to the rollout of the 2022 data standards. Will that guidance be provided?

A: There will be some guidance in the CoC Program Manual and more guidance in a stand-alone document a little after that.

Q: In regards to "2020 CSVs can't be submitted after 10/1/21", does that also apply to the SSVF CSV?

A: No. The VA will require the 2020 version of the HMIS CSV in the SSVF repository. This means vendors either have to make their CSV backwards compatible on 10/1, hold off on releasing the FY 22 update until the SSVF reporting is complete, or employ some other method to ensure that SSVF grantees can complete their reporting.

Q: If it's not a requirement to have the project in HMIS, then is it not a requirement to have HMIS inventory for EHV projects?

A: Required to be in HMIS and Participating in HMIS are two different concepts. CoCs should include all EHV beds in the inventory unless there is a set portion of beds that are dedicated to a population that is at risk of homelessness. Beds used for persons who were "recently homeless" such as households that are moving on from other projects where homelessness was an eligibility requirement (e.g., permanent supportive housing or rapid re-housing) should be included.