HMIS Data standards are established by the U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and participating federal partners. HUD Updates the HMIS Data Standards every other year and the next version of Data Standards, FY 2026, will be effective as of October 1, 2025.

FY2026 Data Standards Updates will include updates to the HMIS Data Dictionary, HMIS Data Standards Manual, CSV Export files, and reporting specifications including System Performance Measures (SPM), Longitudinal Systems Analysis (LSA), CoC APR/ESG CAPER, Coordinated Entry APR, and the PATH Annual Report.

This document will outline the Data Standards Updates and the impacted forms, workflows, dropdown lists, and reports. Individual updates to how to guides, user manuals, new user trainings, and all other resources will be made by the IN BoS CoC HMIS team in the coming months.

If you have any questions about the data standards changes outlined in this document, please feel free to reach out to your respective helpdesk at <a href="https://example.com/html/>
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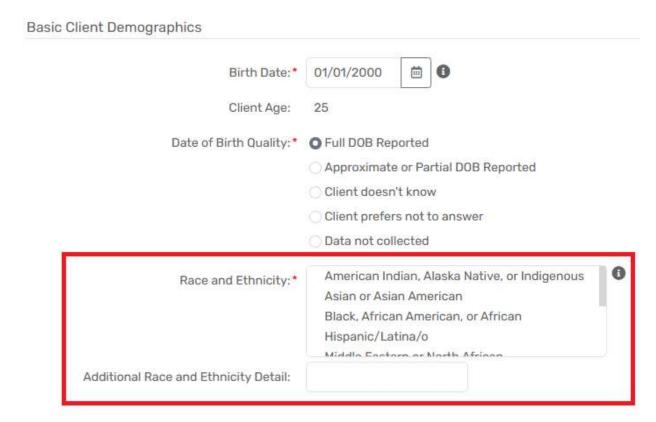
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## System Wide Data Standards Updates

### Race and Ethnicity

HUD updated the data fields for "Race and Ethnicity". Here are the new fields that will be shown while creating a new client under the Basic Client Demographics section:



### Sex and Gender

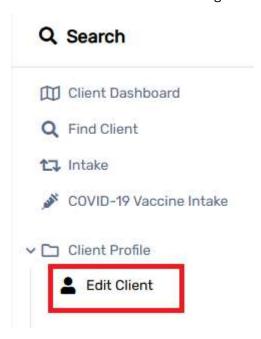
HUD added a required field for "Sex" to the new client demographics page, the field for "Gender" will still be shown but will now be listed as an optional field. The data field "Sexual Orientation" will also be updated to an optional field. HUD is requiring these changes to align its data collection with other federal data systems and to comply with federal Executive Orders.

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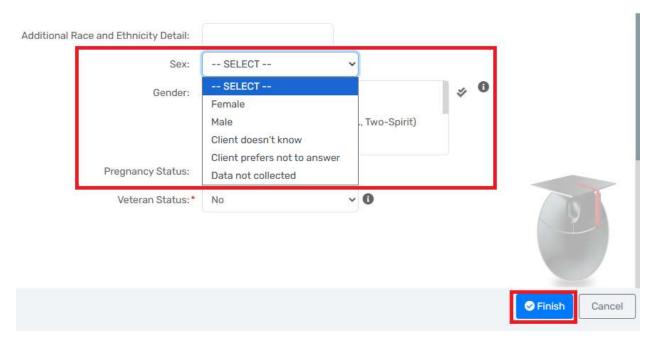
### Basic Client Demographics



The field for "Sex" should not cause errors for any clients created before 10/1/25. Please feel free to add this information to existing client profiles:



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After selecting the correct data element for "Sex", click on "Finish" to save the changes and return to the client's profile.

### Translation Assistance Needed

HUD has announced the retiring of the Translation Assistance Needed element from the Data Dictionary. We may still collect this information, but this will no longer be a required field. Historical data can be found through the following steps:

Client Workspace > Common Assessments > Translation Assistance Needed

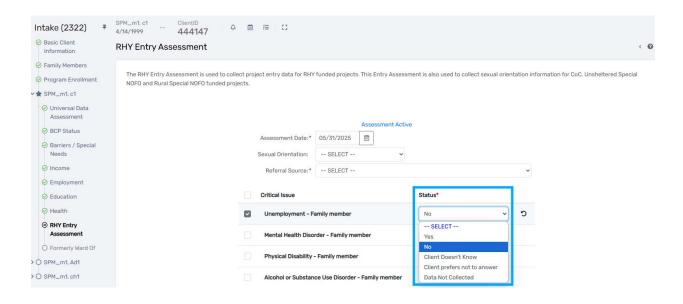
## **RHY Project Specific Updates**

## Family Critical Issues

There will be a new update to the allowable responses in the "Critical Issue" portion of the RHY Entry Assessment workflow. Each Critical Issue will allow the response of "Client doesn't know", "Client prefers not to answer", and "Data not collected".

An example of these new allowable options in the "Critical Issue" portion of the workflow can be found below.

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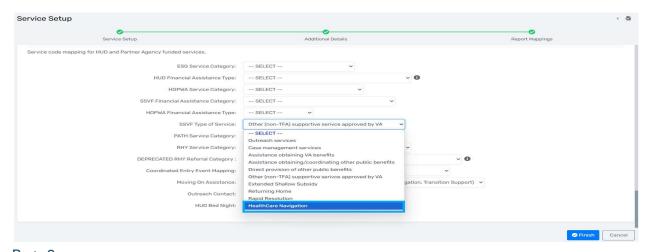
## SSVF Project Specific Updates

#### Services Provided

A new SSVF service type, 10/ Healthcare Navigation, has been added to the allowable SSVF Type of Service. The service "SSVF- Referral to Healthcare Navigator" will be tied to the "HealthCare Navigation" SSVF Type of Service Category. Users will not notice a change when recording services. This change has been made on the back end and will only effect report logic.

This service was previously tied to the "Case management services" service under the SSVF Type of Service category.

An example of the new Healthcare Navigation SSVF Service Category can be found below.



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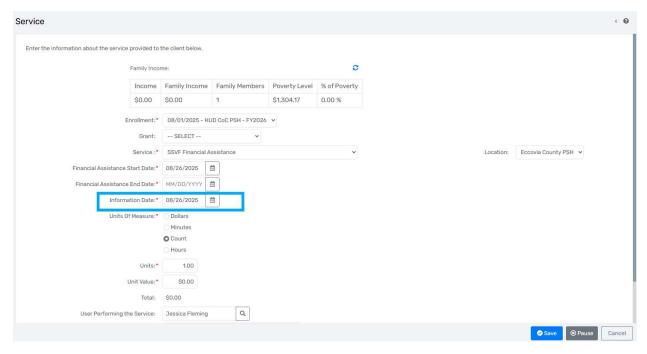
#### Financial Assistance and Information Date

HUD has added an additional date field, "Information Date", to be collected when recording services tied to "SSVF Financial Assistance". This field will default to the same value as the financial assistance start date.

An example of the new field in the "Service" tab can be found below.

HUD has added an additional date field, Information Date, to be collected when adding a Financial Assistance service to an SSVF enrollment.

Here is an example of the new data element being collected:



### Mental Health Consultation

A new element, Mental Health Consultation, has been added for VA funded projects to be collected at start for heads of households and veterans. This element offers four response options to the primary question of Mental Health Consultation Status. The four allowable response options are:

- 1 / Mental health consultation completed
- 2 / Mental health consultation being coordinated/arranged with VA provider
- 3 / Mental health consultation being coordinated/arranged with another provider
- 4 / Offer declined

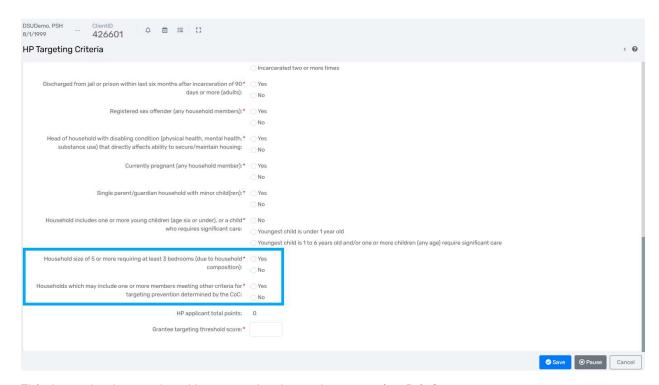
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Federal Grant Program	Project Type
VA: SSVF	13 / Rapid Rehousing (Project Type 55 in ClientTrack) 12 / Homelessness Prevention
VA: Grant Per Diem	Case Management/Housing Retention

This element will appear under a new section of the form titled, Veteran Elements. Other elements appearing under this new section are Housing Income as a Percentage of AMI, HP Screening Score, and VAMC Station Number.

## Form Update - HP Targeting Criteria

Two new questions have been added to the HMIS HP Target Criteria form:



This form also has updated language for dependent question P & Q.

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## PATH Project Specific Updates

### PATH Annual Report

The PATH Annual Report has been updated to align with the retiring of the Gender data element in the HMIS Data Dictionary. Q26a, Gender has been removed. Q26l, has been added to capture Sex related information.

An updated label for Hispanic/Latina/o has been added in Q26c. This change is consistent with the updates to the FY2026 HMIS Data Dictionary.

These updates will be reflected in the PATH Annual CSV Export, the Drilldowns, and the Detail/Validation files.

## **Data Standard Reporting**

### **HUD Data Quality Report**

There will be two new changes in the 2026 version of the "HUD Data Quality Report". The report will be renamed from "2024 HUD Data Quality Report" to "2026 HUD Data Quality Report". However, the location of the report has not changed.

The row for Gender in DQ2, "Personally Identifiable Information (PII)", has been retired to align with the retiring of the Gender data element in the HMIS Data Dictionary.

An example of the new Q2, Personally Identifiable Information (PII) table can be found below.

### Q2. Personally Identifiable Information (PII)

Data Element	Client Doesn't Know / Prefers Not to Answer	Information Missing	Data Issues	Total	% of Issue Rate
Name (3.1)	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Social Security Number (3.2)	44	0	7	51	52.58%
Date of Birth (3.3)	2	0	3	5	5.15%
Race and Ethnicity(3.4)	5	1		6	6.19%
Overall Score				53	54.64%

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Additionally, DQ7, "Inactive Records: Street Outreach and Emergency Shelter", will now consider project types in each row. DQ7 reports on inactive enrollments for specific project types including street outreach and night-by-night shelter projects.

To align with updated guidance for PATH funded projects:

- "Entry/Exit Emergency Shelter", Project Type 1 will be removed from consideration in Row 2.
- **PATH-funded** "Services Only", Project Type 6 will be added to Row 2 to ensure that inactive records are being tracked for clients who are served in sheltered locations.

The appearance of report will remain the same, however, an example of the new Q7, "Inactive Records: Street Outreach and Emergency Shelter" table can be found below.

### Q7. Inactive Records: Street Outreach & Emergency Shelter

Data Element	# of Records	# of Inactive Records	% of Inactive Records
Contact (Adults and Heads of Household in Street Outreach)	0	0	0.00%
Bed Night (All clients in ES - NBN)	0	0	0.00%

#### CoC APR & ESG CAPER

There will be a few changes to the CoC APR and ESG CAPER in order to align with the FY2026 changes. These reports will be renamed from "CSV APR- FY24 v1.0" and "CSV CAPER- FY24 v1.0" to "CSV APR- 2026" and "CSV CAPER- FY 2026" respectively. However, the location of these reports has not changed.

The row for Gender in DQ2/Q6a- "Personally Identifiable Information (PII)" has been retired to align with the retiring of the Gender data element in the HMIS Data Dictionary.

The following questions referencing Gender have been retired:

- Q10a
- Q10d
- Q24c
- Q25c
- Q26c
- Q27c

Additionally, DQ7/Q6f- "Inactive Records: Street Outreach and Emergency Shelter" will now consider project types in each row. DQ7 reports on inactive enrollments for specific project types including street outreach and night-by-night shelter projects.

To align with updated guidance for PATH funded projects:

- "Entry/Exit Emergency Shelter", Project Type 1 will be removed from consideration in Row 2.
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The following questions will be updated with the new label for Hispanic/Latina/o:

- Q12
- Q22f
- Q22g
- Q23e

In addition, Q24d will be retired in the FY 2026 APR/CAPER to align with the HMIS Data Dictionary update to retire C4, "Translation Assistance Needed" field.

Q24e will be a **new** question in the FY2026 APR/CAPER. If a client does not have a value entered for Sex, the APR/CAPER will include that client data in the "Data Not Collected" row.

An example of the new table can be found below.

	Total	Without Children	With Children and Adults	With Only Children	Unknown HH Type	Response Options
Female						0 / Female
Male						1 / Male
Client Doesn't Know/Prefers not to answer						8 / Client doesn't know 9/Client Prefers not to answer
Data not collected						99 / Data not collected
Total						

## Coordinated Entry APR

There will be a few changes to the Coordinated Entry APR, CE APR. The report has been renamed from "CSV CE APR- FY2024" to "CSV CE APR-FY2026".

To align with the Data Quality Report updates, the row for Gender in DQ2/Q6a- "Personally Identifiable Information (PII) has been retired to align with the retiring of the Gender data element in the HMIS Dictionary.

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The updated questions will be reflected in the CE APR CSV Export, CE APR Viewer, CE APR Dill-Downs, and Detail/Validation files.

An example of the new Q6a- "Personally Identifiable Information (PII) table can be found below.

Q6a - Data Quality: Personally Identifiable Information

Data Element	Client Doesn't Know / Prefers Not to Answer	Information Missing	Data Issues	Total	Percent of Error Rate
Name (3.01)	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Social Security Number (3.02)	39	0	<u>3</u>	<u>42</u>	79.25%
Date of Birth (3.03)	2	0	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>	9.43%
Race and Ethnicity (3.04)	3	0		<u>3</u>	5.66%
Sex (4.21)	0	<u>53</u>		<u>53</u>	100.00%
Overall Score				53	100.00%

### **HMIS CSV Export**

The HMIS CSV Export will be renamed from "CSV Export 2024 (Includes RHY and SSVF)" to "CSV Export 2026". However, the location of the report will remain unchanged.

#### Export.csv

The export.csv will be updated to allow for multiple CoC codes to be selected when setting up the export. This feature will allow for the reporting of multiple CoC's data if that data has been made available in the HMIS.

#### Client.csv

The client.csv will be updated to remove the columns related to Gender. There will be a new column added for the new Sex data element. The column header for Hispanic/Latina/o will be relabeled to align with the FY2026 Data Dictionary. The update will also ensure that all veteran related elements are null for non-veterans.

#### Enrollment.csv

The Enrollment.csv will be updated to remove the columns related to Sexual Orientation and Translation Assistance Needed. There will be a new column added for Mental Health Consultation.

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Each of these will include the options "Client doesn't know", "Client prefers not to answer", and "Data not collected".

#### Services.csv

The Services.csv will be updated to include additional logic for the "Date Provided" field when an SSVF Financial Assistance service type is recorded. Please Refer to the SSVF Project Specific Updates section for more information.

### CurrentLivingSituation.csv

The CurrentLivingSituation.csv will be updated to allow for more characters. This will increase the limit from 100 characters to 200 characters.

### System Performance Measures

The Data Quality section of the System Performance Measures was clarified via community AAQ after final submission for the SPM due in early 2025. The DQ section is being updated to deduplicate enrollments by each project type, not across all project types.

A quick example: If a client is enrolled in both an Emergency Shelter and a Rapid Re-Housing project, in previous SPMs, the client would have been included in only one of those project types for the Data Quality portion. With the updated clarification, the client would be included in both of those project types.

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