

Safe Harbors Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)

Tips to Improve your Data Quality

Tip #5: Disability Condition

Disability condition is needed to help identify clients that meet HUD's definition of chronically homeless and, depending on the source of program funds, may be required to establish client eligibility to be served by the program. Disability condition is a HUD universal data element that can be found in Household Statistics and in Program Snapshots (see below).

For this data element, a disabling condition means: (1) a disability as defined in Section 223 of the Social Security Act; (2) a physical, mental, or emotional impairment which is (a) expected to be of long-continued and indefinite duration, (b) substantially impedes an individual's ability to live independently, and (c) of such a nature that such ability could be improved by more suitable housing conditions; (3) a developmental disability as defined in Section 102 of the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act; (4) the disease of acquired immunodeficiency syndrome or any conditions arising from the etiological agency for acquired immunodeficiency syndrome; or (5) a diagnosable substance abuse disorder.

Here is a question you can ask your clients to help determine if they have a disability as defined by HUD:

“Do you have a physical, mental, emotional or developmental disability, HIV/AIDS, or a diagnosable substance abuse problem that is expected to be of a long duration and substantially impacts your ability to live on your own?”

Central Intake → Household Statistics

Household Members

Consent Refused

Consent: Status:

SSN/Code: HCH Age: 32

First Name: Middle Name:

Last Name: Suffix: Gender:

DOB/Code:

Relation:

Disabled: Veteran:

Marital Status: Education Level:

Ethnicity: Identifier:

1st Language: 2nd Language:

Housing:

Client Services Search → Program Entry → Edit Snapshot → Demographics

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Edit Snapshot

Consent Refused

First Name: Middle: Last Name: Suffix:

SSN/Code: Identifier:

DOB/Code: Birth Year Gender:

Relation:

Disabled: Veteran:

Marital Status: Education Level:

Ethnicity: Residency Status:

1st Language: 2nd Language:

Address

Race (Choose As Many As Apply)

Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander White U.S. Indian/Alaska Native Asian Black/African-American Don't Know Refused

Housing:

Head of Household