Instructions for Mapping Existing Data for updated 2014 Version 3 HMIS Data Standards Elements

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# Introduction

As part of its process of standardizing HMIS data collection across the Federal Partners, HUD, HHS, and the VA have approved additional/modifications to the 2014 HMIS Data Standards that were deemed “critical changes” where program mission or required reporting was affected. In most cases, these changes were new stand-alone elements that did not affect previously collected data. However, two of the Data Element changes approved for 2014 HMIS Data Standards Version 3 (Element 3.17 and Element 4.35A) require the mapping of data collected under the previous element structure into the new responses to ensure the ongoing integrity of data collected for these elements. This document provides those mapping requirements.

# Time on the Streets, Emergency Shelter, or Safe Haven

## Field 1: Client entering from the streets, ES or SH

**If**

Version 2.1 – 3.9 “Residence prior to project entry” Response 1 (ES); Response 16 (streets); or Response 18 (SH) = yes

**OR the following is true**

Version 2.1 – 3.17.1 “Continuously homeless for at least one year” Response 1 = Yes

**Then set**

Version 3.0 – 3.17.1 “Client entering from the streets, ES, or SH” to Response 1 = Yes

**Or else set**

Version 3.0 – 3.17.1 “Client entering from the streets, ES, or SH” to Response 0 = No

## Dependent A to Field 1

**If the field 1 calculations above = a response of yes to “Client entering for the streets, ES or SH” then**

Calculate the approximate date by subtracting the response from the retired field “Total Number of months continually homeless immediately prior to project entry” (3.17.2.A) from the project entry month (3.10). [e.g., an entry date of 6/15/2015 with “3” months of homelessness prior to entry makes the date 3/15/2015.]

## Field 2: Regardless of where they stayed last night -- Number of times the client has been on the streets, in ES or SH in the past 3 years including today

Directly map the responses for “Number of times the client has been homeless in the past three years” to “Number of times the client has been on the streets, in ES or SH in the past three years including today” [e.g. a prior response of #1 “1 (Homeless only this time)” will map to the new #1 “One time”, etc.]

## Dependent B to Field 2: Total number of months homeless on the street, in ES, or SH in the past three years

Directly map the responses for “Total number of months homeless on the streets, in ES, or SH in the past three years” to the “Total Number of months homeless in the past three years”. Note that responses of “0” months in Version 2.1 must be mapped to “1 month” in Version 3.

# Commercial Sexual Exploitation

## Field 1: Ever received anything in exchange for Sex and Dependent A In the last three months

**If**

Version 2.1 – 4.35 “Received something in exchange for sex in the past 3 months” Response 1 = Yes

**Then set**

Version 3.0 – 4.35A “Ever received anything in exchange for sex” to Response 1 = Yes

**AND**

Version 3.0 – 4.35A *If Yes for Receiving anything in exchange for sex*, “In the last three months” to Response 1 = Yes

Follow with the same pattern for Response 0=No; 8 = Client doesn’t know; 9 = client refused and 99= Data not collected

## Dependent B: How many times

Directly map the responses for “Number of times” to “How many times” [e.g. a prior response of #1 “1 – 3” will map to the new #1 “1-3”]. Responses “8-30” and “More than 30” from Version 2.1 will both map to response “12 or more” in Version 3.

## Dependent C Ever made/persuaded to have sex in exchange for something

There is no correlation between elements. Therefore set Version 3.0 – 4.35A “Ever made/persuaded to have sex in exchange for something” to Response 99 = Data not collected

## Dependent D In the last three months

There is no correlation between elements. Therefore set Version 3.0 – 4.35A “In the last 3 months” to Response 99 = Data not collected

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| **Version 2.1** |  | **Version 3.0** |  |
| Field 1 | Continuously Homeless for at Least One Year | Field 1 | Client Entering from the streets, ES, or SH |
| 0 | No | 0 | No |
| 1 | Yes | 1 | Yes\* |
| 8 | Client doesn’t know | 8 | Client doesn’t know |
| 9 | Client refused | 9 | Client refused |
| 99 | Data not collected | 99 | Data not collected |
|  |  | Dependent A | Approximate date started\*\* |
| Field 2 | Number of Times the Client has been Homeless in the Past Three Years | Field 2 | Regardless of where they stayed last night – Number of times the client has been on the streets, in ES, or SH in the past three years including today. |
| 0 | 0 (not homeless - Prevention only) | 0 | Never in 3 years |
| 1 | 1 (homeless only this time) | 1 | One time |
| 2 | 2 | 2 | Two times |
| 3 | 3 | 3 | Three times |
| 4 | 4 or more | 4 | Four or more times |
| 8 | Client doesn’t know | 8 | Client doesn’t know |
| 9 | Client refused | 9 | Client refused |
| 99 | Data not collected | 99 | Data not collected |
| Dependent A | *If 4 or more for “Number of Times the Client has been Homeless in the Past Three Years”* Total Number of Months Homeless in the Past Three Years | Dependent B | Total number of months homeless on the street, in ES, or SH in the past three years |
| 100-112 | integers from 0 to 12 | 101 | One month |
|  |  | 102-112 | (integers 2-12) |
| 7 | More than 12 months | 113 | More than 12 months |
| 8 | Client doesn’t know | 8 | Client doesn’t know |
| 9 | Client refused | 9 | Client refused |
| 99 | Data not collected | 99 | Data not collected |
| Field 3 | Total number of months continuously homeless immediately prior to project entry [text box] |  | \*\* |

\* Must also include residence prior to enter refer to above [Field 1: Client entering from the streets, ES or SH](#_Field_1:_)

\*\* Refer to how to calculate date above [Dependent A to Field 1](#_Dependent_A_to)