



2026 HMIS Data Standards Updates

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What are Data Standards?

- HMIS Instructions
 - For collecting data
 - For building the database
- Creates definitions for reporting data
- Dictated by HUD and Federal Partners

2026 Standards Changes



Affecting All Programs/Participants:

- Gender/Sex data field(s) changes
- Translation Assistance Data Field removed

Funder-Specific:

- VA-funded programs
 - Removed Elements
 - New Elements for certain programs/funding sources
 - Important SSVF Reporting Information
- RHY and YHDP-funded programs
 - Removed Elements
 - Elements with new response options





One-Page Summary

2026 HMIS Data Standards Summary

Data Elements removed from HUD Standard Data:

- **Gender** has been removed from the HUD Data Standards entirely (affects all records)
- **Sexual Orientation** is no longer a required data element (affects RHY, YHDP, and CoC-Y)
- VA-funded and VASH programs are no longer required to collect some **Common Data Elements** (Income, Disability, Health Insurance, and Non-Cash Benefits)
- Language **Translation Assistance** data is no longer required to be collected (affects CoC-funded programs and any programs using CoC standard data collection screens)

New Data Elements Added to the HUD Standard Data:

- A "**Sex**" Data element has replaced Gender allowing the following responses:

Female
Male
Client doesn't know
Client prefers not to answer
Data not collected

- The Sex data element is collected on each enrollment. Gender was collected as part of the client profile and allowed one response per person. Each enrollment may have a different response for Sex.
- VA-funded programs are now required to collect **Mental Health Consultation** data upon enrollment with the following responses:

Mental health consultation completed
Mental health consultation being coordinated/arranged with VA provider
Mental health consultation being coordinated/arranged with other provider
Offer declined

- SSVF is now required to collect **Healthcare Navigation** service provision data via Service Transactions

Changes to Existing Data Elements:

- "Hispanic/Latina/o/e" has removed "Latine" and retains "Hispanic/Latina/o" as a valid response





Changes Which Affect All Users



The Gender and Sex Data Elements



Gender Data Element has been removed

- Gender was collected on Client Profile screens as part of Client Record Creation
- Gender was collected once per client and updated as needed

Sex Data Element has been added

- Sex data are collected at Program Entry and collected once per enrollment
- Will be locally required for all project types and funding sources

Sex

Select ▼

- Select
- Female
- Male
- Client doesn't know
- Client prefers not to answer
- Data not collected



Changes For Veterans Affairs and VASH Programs

- VA-funded and VASH Common Data Elements Change
- New Mental Health Consultation Element for all VA programs
- New Service for SSVF for Healthcare Navigation
- Housing Move-in date required for VA:GPD Case Management and Housing Retention

VA-Funded Program Changes



VASH, SSVF, & GPD

**No Longer Collecting Common Data
Elements 4.05-4.10**

Income

Disability Detail

Non-Cash Benefits

Health Insurance

SSVF & GPD

SSVF Only:

New “**Healthcare Navigation**” SSVF service transaction available for collection

GPD only:

Case Management and Housing Retention
GPD programs are now required to collect
Housing Move-in Date





SSVF & GPD (continued)



New Mental Health Consultation Data Element

- This new Data Element is required for:
 - VA: **SSVF**-funded Homelessness Prevention project
 - VA: **SSVF**-funded Rapid Rehousing project
 - VA: **Grant per Diem-Case Management/Housing Retention**-funded Services Only projects

Mental Health Consultation

Select



Select

Mental health consultation completed

Mental health consultation being coordinated/arranged with VA provider

Mental health consultation being coordinated/arranged with other provider

Offer declined



SSVF and other Federal Reporting Guidance

- Guidance for Reporting for the October 2025 SSVF Upload
- Updates on Federal and other Canned report availability

SSVF and Federal Reporting



All impacted Federal Reports will be updated to align with FY2026 Data Standards Documentation/Specifications.

FY 2024 Report Versions will no longer be accepted in Federal Reporting submission sites after 10/01/2025*.

**Exception: SSVF and GPD-CM VA Repository Submissions (October 1-7, 2025 submission utilizes the FY2024 version of the report used for the test upload period the last week in September)*





Other Removals

- Orientation is no longer collected for RHY, YHDP, or CoC-Y
- Translation Assistance Data Field Removed

Q&A

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