

FY 2020 HMIS Data Standards

June 2019, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Version 1.3, Pages 108-121

Disabling Conditions Data Elements:

4.05 Data Element Fields and Responses - Physical Disability:

For the purposes of these Data Standards, a physical disability means a physical impairment.

If Yes to “Expected to be of long, continued and indefinite duration and substantially impairs ability to live independently” then these conditions must apply:

- (1) Expected to be of long, continued and indefinite duration,
- (2) Substantially impedes an individual's ability to live independently, and
- (3) Of such a nature that such ability could be improved by more suitable housing conditions.

4.06 Data Element Fields and Responses - Development Disability:

For the purposes of these Data Standards, a developmental disability means a severe, chronic disability that is attributed to a mental or physical impairment (or combination of physical and mental impairments) that occurs before 22 years of age and limits the capacity for independent living and economic self-sufficiency.

There is no follow up response required for this condition.

4.07 Data Element Fields and Responses – Chronic Health Condition:

For the purposes of these Data Standards, a chronic health condition means a diagnosed condition that is more than three (3) months in duration and is either not curable or has residual effects that limit daily living and required adaptation in function or special assistance.

Examples of chronic health conditions include, but are not limited to:

- heart disease - *including coronary heart disease, angina, heart attack and any other kind of heart condition or disease*
- severe asthma
- diabetes
- arthritis-related conditions - *including arthritis, rheumatoid arthritis, gout, lupus, or fibromyalgia*
- adult on set cognitive impairments - *including traumatic brain injury, post-traumatic distress syndrome, dementia, other cognitive related conditions*
- severe headache/migraine
- cancer
- chronic bronchitis
- liver condition
- stroke
- emphysema.

If Yes to “Expected to be of long, continued and indefinite duration and substantially impairs ability to live independently” then these conditions must apply:

- (1) Expected to be of long, continued and indefinite duration,

- (2) Substantially impedes an individual's ability to live independently, and
- (3) Of such a nature that such ability could be improved by more suitable housing conditions.

4.08 Data Element Fields and Responses – HIV/AIDS:

No conditions provided for this data element. User only has to enter either yes, no, don't know, client refused or data not collected.

4.09 Data Element Fields and Responses – Mental Health Problem:

For the purposes of these Data Standards, a mental health problem may range from situational depression to serious mental illnesses. The dependent field is designed to gauge the severity of the mental health problem.

If Yes to “Expected to be of long, continued and indefinite duration and substantially impairs ability to live independently” then these conditions must apply:

- (1) Expected to be of long, continued and indefinite duration,
- (2) Substantially impedes an individual's ability to live independently, and
- (3) Of such a nature that such ability could be improved by more suitable housing conditions.

Agencies should have practices in place to substantiate mental health conditions through collaboration with the individual's psychiatrist, APRN, clinician etc.

4.10 Data Element Fields and Responses – Substance Abuse:

The user will need to respond to the type of substance abuse issue as provided by the available dropdown responses in HMIS:

- Alcohol abuse - Alcohol abuse, without drug abuse
- Drug abuse - Drug abuse, without alcohol abuse
- Both alcohol and drug abuse

If Yes to “Expected to be of long, continued and indefinite duration and substantially impairs ability to live independently” then these conditions must apply:

- (1) Expected to be of long, continued and indefinite duration,
- (2) Substantially impedes an individual's ability to live independently, and
- (3) Of such a nature that such ability could be improved by more suitable housing conditions.