

Identifying Chronic Homelessness Status within HMIS

From: HMIS Standard Reporting Terminology Glossary 5.1



Disabling Condition = YES

AND WITHIN THE LISTED DISABILITY:

Expected to be of Long-Continued and Indefinite Duration and Substantially Impairs Ability to Live Independently = YES

For at least one of the following: Physical Disability, Developmental Disability, Chronic Health Condition, HIV/AIDS, Mental Health Problem or Substance Abuse





Residence Prior to Project Entry = Place not meant for Habitation, Emergency Shelter including Hotel or Motel Paid for with Voucher, Safe Haven or Interim Housing

If in a non-homeless situation for more than 7 days at project entry, you will **not** be prompted to answer the following questions and the client would not be considered CH.

If the non-homeless situation was less than 7 days, you'll be prompted to answer the following questions:

On the Night Before, did you stay on the Streets, ES or Safe Haven? = YES

AND

Project Type = Emergency Shelter, Street Outreach or Safe Haven





<u>Approximate Date Homelessness Started</u> = At Least 365 Days Prior to Project Start Date

OR

Number of Times Client has been on the Streets, ES or SH in the past 3 years including today = 4 or More Times

AND

<u>Total Number of Months Homeless on the Streets, ES or SH in the past 3 years</u> = At Least 12 Months



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To be counted as Chronic Homeless in HMIS, there are 3 Parts:

Part 1

- <u>Disabling Condition</u> = Yes
 AND WITHIN LISTED DISABILITY,
- Expected to be of Long-Continued and Indefinite Duration and Substantially Impairs

 Ability to Live Independently = Yes for at least any (1) of the following:
 - Physical Disability, Developmental Disability, Chronic Health Condition, HIV/AIDS,
 Mental Health Problem or Substance Abuse

Part 2 AND

- **Residence Prior to Project Entry** = Place not meant for Habitation, Emergency Shelter including hotel or motel paid for with emergency shelter, Save Haven or Interim Housing
 - ➤ If in a non-homeless situation for more than 7 days at project entry, you will not be prompted to answer the following questions and the client would not be considered CH from this question. If the non-homeless situation was less than 7 days, you'll be prompted to answer the following questions:
 - On the Night Before, did you stay in streets, ES or SH? = Yes
 AND
 - **Project Type** = Emergency Shelter, Street Out Reach or Safe Haven

Part 3 AND

- Approximate Date Homelessness Started = At least 365 days prior to Project Start Date
 OR
- Number of times client has been on the streets, in ES, or SH in the past 3 years including today = 4 or more times
 AND
- Total Number of Months Homeless on the Street, ES, or SH in the past 3 years = at least
 12 months
 - ➤ To determine number of months homeless prior to project entry- use the "one day a month counts the whole month" strategy when counting months. In other words, any portion of a month covered by this date range causes the entire month to be included.

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