

Chronic Homelessness & Disability Data Quality Issues in ServicePoint



HUD Definition of Chronic Homelessness

- A homeless individual with a disability who:
- Lives in a place not meant for human habitation, in an Emergency Shelter, or a Safe Haven; AND
- Has been homeless continuously for at least 12 months;*
OR
- Has been homeless on at least 4 separate occasions in the last 3 years where the combined occasions total at least 12 months**

*Stays in an institution of fewer than 90 days do not constitute a break

**Occasions are separated by a break of at least 7 nights

HUD Definition of Disability

- A person is considered to have a disability if they have a disability that:
- Is expected to be long-continuing or of indefinite duration;
- Substantially impedes the individual's ability to live independently;
- Could be improved by the provision of more suitable housing conditions; and
- Has a physical, mental, or emotional impairment, including impairment caused by drug or alcohol, post-traumatic stress disorder, or brain injury.

Source: 24 CFR 582.5 - Definitions

Key Points

- The Chronic Homeless designation pulls from multiple data fields in ServicePoint.
 - The questions associated with client Living Situation and Disabling Condition need to be filled out completely and correctly.
- Note: For clients to appear as Chronically Homeless in reports, an answer of Disabling Condition – Yes is sufficient (provided the Living Situation data is complete and reflects the fact that the client meets the HUD definition of Chronically Homeless).
 - However, completely filling out the Disability data fields and Disabilities sub-assessment is necessary to ensure that Sub-Populations are correctly designated as having a Disabling Condition.

Living Situation 3.917


- The data fields listed here are for persons entering HMIS Project Type: Street Outreach, Emergency Shelter, & Safe Haven
- Record the type of living arrangement the client was residing in just prior to project entry
- Record the length of time the client was residing in just their previous place of stay
- Record the approximate date this homeless situation began; have the client look back to date of the last time that they resided somewhere not on the streets, in ES, or SH
- Regardless of where the client stayed last night, record the number of times the client has been homeless on the streets, in ES, or SH, including today.
- Record the total number of months homeless the client has been on the streets, in ES, or SH; this is cumulative and does not necessarily have to be consecutive






Residence Prior to Project Entry
<input type="text"/>
Length of Stay in Previous Place
Length of Time Homeless - Status Documented?
Client entering from the streets, ES or SH
If Yes for "Client entering from streets, ES or SH" Approximate date started: [Date Field]
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
Total number of months homeless on the street, in ES or SH in the past three years

Disabling Condition 3.8

- If a client has a Disabling Condition, select Yes
- Then click on either Add or HUD Verification to select which Disability Type a client has
- To ensure that a Disabling Condition is properly assigned to a client, you will need to click on the pencil next to each Disabling Condition a client *has* (it is not necessary to edit Disability Types that a client does not have)

Does the client have a disabling condition? Yes

 **Disabilities**

	Disability Type
	Mental Health Problem (HUD)
	HIV/AIDS (HUD)
	Physical (HUD)
	Developmental (HUD)
	Drug Abuse (HUD)

HUD Verification 

Disabling Condition 3.8 (Cont.)

- Once you click the pencil next to a Disability Type, the Disabilities sub-assessment will pop up
- Enter the Start Date of the Disabling Condition
- Enter whether or not the condition is going to be long term; if not, the client does not meet the HUD definition of Disabling Condition
- If the condition is going to be long term, enter whether it is expected to be long, continued and of indefinite duration and substantially impairs the client's ability to live independently; if the answer is no, the client does not meet the HUD qualification of Disabling Condition
- There are more fields in this sub-assessment that you may answer. Once you have input all necessary data, click Save

Disabilities	
Disability Type	Mental Health Problem (HUD)
Start Date *	12 / 21 / 2016
Note on Disability	
Above Condition is going to be long term?	Yes
If Yes, Expected to be of long-continued and indefinite duration and substantially impairs ability to live independently	Yes (HUD)