

PATH Providers: Street Outreach (SO) and Services Only (SSO)

As of January, 2017, All MN PATH Projects have been set up with both a Street Outreach (SO) provider and a Supportive Services (SSO) provider in MN HMIS Service Point. HUD has provided guidance for which of these 2 providers you should enter a client into under your agency tree:

For clients who generally reside in the streets or places not meant for human habitation, enter them into the Street Outreach (SO) provider.

For clients who generally reside in a place meant for human habitation, including emergency shelters, enter them into the Supportive Services (SSO) provider.

Please note: “If the PATH project initially enters a client in a project type based on the identification of client’s primary place of residence, but later learns additional information about the client’s primary place of residence that indicates that another PATH HMIS Project Type more appropriately represents that client’s living situation, **the PATH project is not required to exit the client from the program or otherwise alter the client’s record in HMIS.**”

Also: “When Supportive Services Only is selected as a PATH Project Type, the response to the dependent field ‘Affiliated with a residential project’ should be ‘no,’ unless the project is funded as a Street Outreach component and is operating within an emergency shelter. Then the affiliation would be ‘yes’ and the shelter(s) the project operates with would be listed.”

This information was taken from the HUD PATH Program HMIS Manual, Released December, 2016