# 2019 MN HMIS DATA STANDARDS CHANGES

## SUMMARY OF CHANGES IMPACTING MN UNIVERSAL DATA ELEMENTS

This document outlines the changes to Minnesota's HMIS effective July 1, 2019. ServicePoint will be updated on July 1, 2019 to align with the changes and new data collection forms will be available by or before 7/1/2019 on our [Forms & Instructions page](#). Changes only affect clients still enrolled in your project as of July 1, 2019 and new clients going forward.

In the table below, the column **2019 Changes** describes the data element change and the **ServicePoint Instruction** column is geared towards HMIS Users/data entry staff.

## NEW MN UNIVERSAL DATA ELEMENTS

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| **County where resides**  
*New Element*  
**Answer Options:** Minnesota County picklist  
*Note: some programs have already been collecting this data element. If that’s the case, nothing will change for you.* | **Data Collected About:** Heads of Household  
**Data Collection Point:** Project Start & Update  
Clients who are currently enrolled in any HMIS project on 7/1/2019 should have their record updated on the Entry/Exit tab. Click on the edit pencil next to the project start date of the current enrollment. Save the value that was true as of **project start**.  
Clients who enter a project on and after 7/1/2019 should have this question answered on the Entry Assessment. |
| **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERIES**  
*New Element*  
**Domestic violence victim/survivor**  
**Answer Options:** Yes, No, Client doesn’t know, Client refused, Data not collected  
**When experience occurred**  
**Answer Options:** Within the past three months, Three to six months ago (excluding six months exactly), Six months to one year ago (excluding one year exactly), One year ago or more, Client doesn’t know, Client refused, Data not collected  
**Currently fleeing**  
**Answer Options:** Yes, No, Client doesn’t know, Client refused, Data not collected  
*Note: some programs have already been collecting this data element. If that’s the case, nothing will change for you.* | **Data Collected About:** Heads of Household and Adults  
**Data Collection Point:** Project Start & Update  
Clients who are currently enrolled in any HMIS project on 7/1/2019 should have their record updated on the Entry/Exit tab. Click on the edit pencil next to the project start date of the current enrollment. Clients who enter a project on and after 7/1/2019 should have this question answered on the Client Profile tab.  
This can be a sensitive and personal subject, so using discretion to ensure privacy and client comfort is vital. This information can be collected during the course of an update, check in, or other existing contact with the client.  
Clients who enter a project on and after 7/1/2019 should have this question answered on the Entry Assessment. |
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| **INSTITUTIONAL HISTORY:** Did the client leave any of the places listed in the last 3 months before project start date? *This replaces “Leave any of these? (0-3 months ago)* | **Data Collected About:** Heads of Household and Adults  
**Data Collection Point:** Project Start  
This question has been reworded to more clearly communicate what is being asked for. Nothing will change for you. |
| Answer Options: Facility picklist | |
| **FOSTER CARE:** Are you or have you ever been in foster care? *This data will be collected for clients 26 years old and under (changed from 24 years old and under)* | **Data Collected About:** Clients 26 and Under Only  
**Data Collection Point:** Project Start  
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Clients who enter a project on and after 7/1/2019 should have this question answered on the Entry assessment. |
| Answer Options: Yes, No, Client doesn’t know, Client refused, Data not collected | |

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

For more training materials, please visit the 2019 MN Data Standards Changes website:


For data collection forms, program specific user guides, and more, please visit the ICA Minnesota website:

➢ https://hmismn.org/forms-and-instructions/

Please visit the HUD Exchange website for more information about the HUD HMIS Data Standards: