# Housing Move-In Date Changes

Alameda Count HMIS - 2020 Data Standards Update

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On October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 Alameda County HMIS will undergo a series of updates to comply with the new 2020 HMIS Data Standards released by HUD. This document is to inform you of one important change related to housing move-in dates in the client record, and the action you need to take. The move-in date field indicates if-and-when a client transitions to permanent housing and is essential to HMIS record-keeping and reporting. This change will affect all permanent housing projects including PSH and RRH.

| COMPLETE HOUSING MOVE-IN DATE WHEN CLIENT MOVES INTO A PERMANENT HOUSING UNIT |   |    |
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## What is Changing

After 10/1/2019 the Housing Move-In date field will ONLY appear on the program enrollment screen. The Housing Move-In date field will no longer appear on the program Update or Exit screens. The data on these screens will be merged with the data on the enrollment screen. The Move-In date field on the Update and Exit screens will not be used for future reporting or record keeping.

There will be automated data mapping during the October 1<sup>st</sup> transition that will move data from the Program Screen with greatest Screen Program Date/Information Date with a Non-Null 'Housing Move-in Date' to the clients Program Enrollment Screen.

Use the tools provided to identify potential Housing Move-In date issues and correct them prior to the Oct 1<sup>st</sup> change. See page 2, for instructions on identifying and correcting Housing Move-In Date issues in the client record.

# Housing Move-In Date Data Standards

Follow these guidelines when collecting and entering Housing Move-In Dates

- ➤ Housing Move-In Date is only required for permanent housing projects such as Rapid Re-Housing, Permanent Supportive Housing, and Other Permanent Housing
- ➤ Housing Move-In Date should only be recorded ONCE per project enrollment on the program Entry Screen
- > The Housing Move-In Date should be between the Project Start and Exit Date. If a client moved in to housing prior to the Project Start Date, for example due to a program transfer, then the Housing Move-In Date should be the same as the Project Start Date.
- ➤ If the client vacates a housing situation and the project stops paying rental assistance, staff should exit the client from the project with a Project Exit Date and Destination and create a new Project Start Date in a second enrollment for the client on the same or following day.
- See 2020 HMIS Data Standards Manual, Section 3.20 Housing Move-In Date (pg 85) for additional information.

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## How To Address Housing Move-In Dates

Follow the steps below to identify and resolve conflicts with Housing Move-In Date info.

## Step 1: Identify Where this Issue Exists in Your Data

Have your agency manager run the Move-In Date 2020 Fix Report. This Looker report is located in Reports -> Data Analysis -> Alameda System Reports -> Move-In Date 2020 Fix.

Filter the report by the Agency or Project of interest to see a list of potential move-in date issues. The report highlights clients where the Move-In Date at the most recent update/exit screen does not match the Move-In Date on the Entry screen.

*Remember:* after the October 1<sup>st</sup> transition, the Move-In date will only appear on the entry screen. Data on the most recent update/annual/exit screen will be moved to the program entry screen.

#### Step 2: Fix Move-In Date issues in the Client Record

After running the Move-In Date 2020 Fix Report, export or view the list of clients with potential move-in date issues. Follow the instructions on this report to identify potential issues and fixes.

- 1. Use the Client Unique ID to open the Client Profile.
- 2. Open the Programs tab and edit the Program Enrollment
- 3. Check that the Housing Move-In Date entered on the most recent update/exit screens contains the correct Move-In Date

### Still Have Questions??

- Attend monthly user group meetings for additional information on system updates.
- Speak with your HMIS Agency Administrator
- Email <a href="mailto:hmissupport@acgov.org">hmissupport@acgov.org</a>
- ❖ View resources from Bitfocus on the 2020 HMIS Data Standards Changes
- ❖ View additional resources regarding the <a>2020 HUD Data Standards update</a>