

# HMIS Release Notes

## Shared Housing Assessment

March 31, 2021

### What are the changes?

The following new Shared Housing questions have been added to HMIS.

#### On Program Entry

- “Would the client accept shared housing if offered?” (Yes/No)

#### On Program Exit

- “Is this a shared housing destination (separate leases)?” (Yes/No)
  - a. Sub Question if Yes: “Shared Housing facilitated by:” (CAN / Client)

### Which users are impacted?

The following program types:

- Emergency Shelter
- Rapid Rehousing
- Transitional Housing
- Street Outreach

### How does this help?

This allows the collection of shared living preferences to better facilitate housing matches. This helps users to match clients to housing such as couples without children or clients who are not partners but would like to be housed together. These clients are distinct from family members sharing housing.

### When will I see this change in HMIS?

**03/31/2021**

### Summary of the changes:

The CT Custom Assessment was updated with the following questions and integrated into the above program’s workflows on entry and exit.

- “Would the client accept shared housing if offered?” (Yes/No)
- “Is this a shared housing destination (separate leases)?” (Yes/No)
- Sub Question if Yes: “Shared Housing facilitated by:” (CAN / Client)

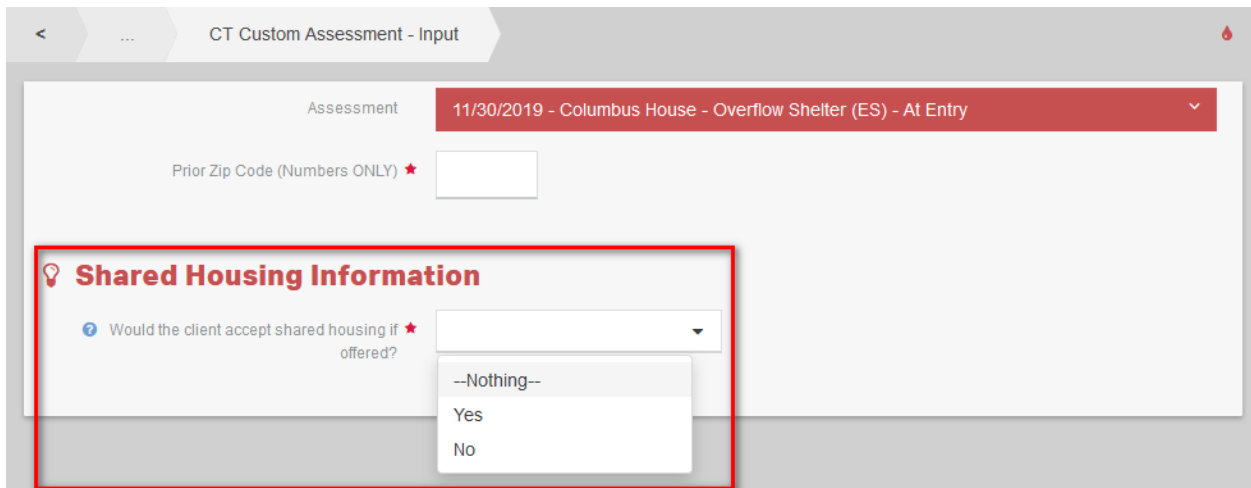
## Resources:

A short instructional video with step-by-step guidance is available on the CCEH and CT HMIS websites.

- **CCEH Website**
  - <https://cceh.org/data-quality/>
- **CT HMIS Website**
  - <https://nutmegvideosupport.s3.amazonaws.com/Shared+Housing+-+Video+Guidance.mp4>

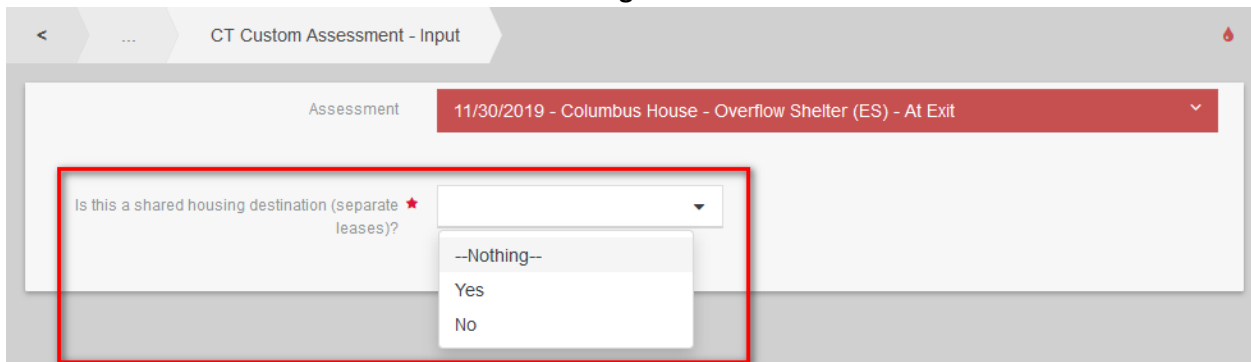
## Screenshots of Changes

**CT Custom Assessment At ENTRY is with shared housing assessment**



The screenshot shows the 'CT Custom Assessment - Input' form. At the top, the 'Assessment' dropdown is set to '11/30/2019 - Columbus House - Overflow Shelter (ES) - At Entry'. Below this is a 'Prior Zip Code (Numbers ONLY)' field. A red box highlights the 'Shared Housing Information' section, which contains a question: 'Would the client accept shared housing if offered?'. The dropdown menu is open, showing options: '--Nothing--', 'Yes', and 'No'.

**CT Custom Assessment At EXIT with shared housing assessment**



The screenshot shows the 'CT Custom Assessment - Input' form. At the top, the 'Assessment' dropdown is set to '11/30/2019 - Columbus House - Overflow Shelter (ES) - At Exit'. A red box highlights a question: 'Is this a shared housing destination (separate leases)?'. The dropdown menu is open, showing options: '--Nothing--', 'Yes', and 'No'.