

# **HMIS Release Notes**

Coordinated Entry, HMIS Data Standards and User Interface Updates

#### September 25th, 2020

### What are the changes?

This document outlines changes to the Coordinated Entry (CE) process for 211 and each Coordinated Access Network (CAN). These changes bring data collection up to date with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) 2020 HMIS Data Standards Coordinated Entry data collection standards.

Connecticut's custom assessments and workflows have been updated to better reflect the needs of the community and providers. The data changes include retirement of obsolete fields as well as the addition of new data elements to both the 211 and CAN workflows.

The following HMIS Data standards have been implemented as part of these changes:

- 4.19: Coordinated Entry Assessment
- 4.20: Coordinated Entry Events

Additionally, the CaseWorthy interface has undergone a visual redesign. While functionality is virtually the same, some changes to the interface are noted.

### Which users are impacted?

Users with access to the following roles will see the outlined updates for Coordinated Entry:

- Coordinated Access 211
- Coordinated Access Network

**All users** of the CT HMIS CaseWorthy database will see the interface updates.

### How does this help?

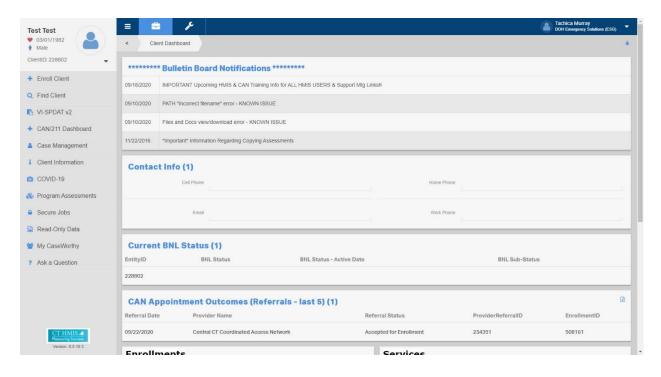
The changes will allow Connecticut's HMIS project to conform to the latest HMIS Data Standards released for FY 2020. Additionally, the optimized workflows for 211 and CANs will allow for better reporting and data collection of client data.

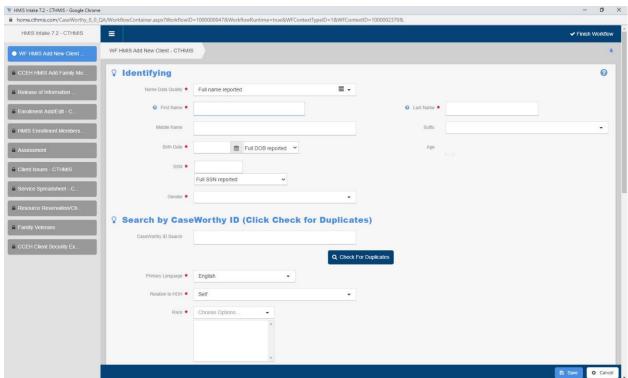
### When will I see this change in HMIS?

Thursday, October 1st 2020



## **Preview of Interface Update**

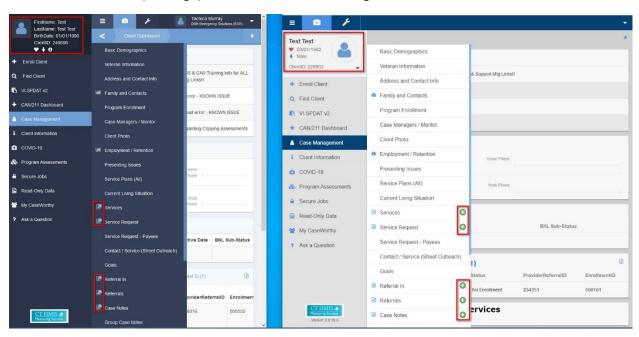








Note: Form Shortcuts (Plus Sign) have been moved to the right side of each sub-menu item.



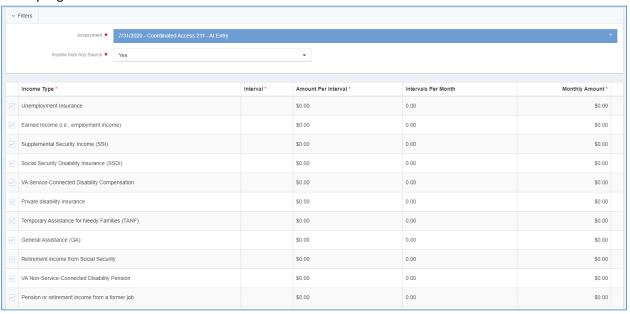


### Summary of Changes to the "Coordinated Access - 211" Role

- 1. The 4.19: Coordinated Entry Assessment data standard questions have been implemented as part of the workflow.
  - Assessment Location No Default
  - Assessment Type Defaulted to "Phone"
  - Assessment Level Defaulted to "Housing Needs Assessment"
  - Prioritization Status Defaulted to "Not yet determined (assessment in progress)"



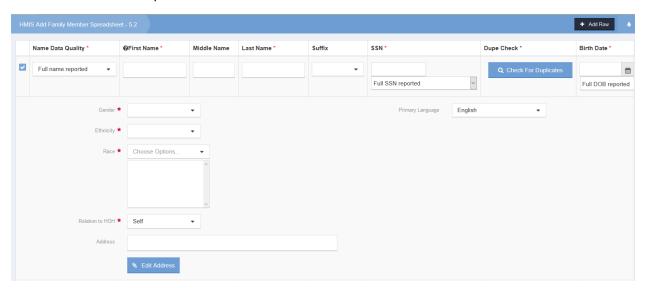
2. The HMIS Financial Assessment form has been added to the workflow, making it consistent with other program workflows.



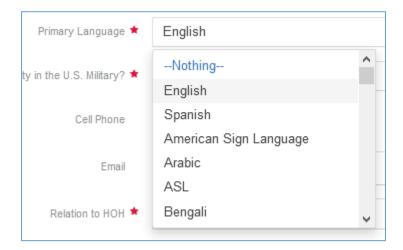
3. Removed the "Case Notes" button during intake



- **4. Added** the standard "Add Family Member Spreadsheet" form to collect additional information about other family members. The following client data for other household members will be collected:
  - 1. First/Last Name
  - 2. Birth Date
  - 3. Gender
  - 4. Race
  - 5. Ethnicity
  - 6. Relationship to Head of Household
  - 7. SSN is optional



5. "Primary Language" choices have been re-ordered; English and Spanish are now the first and second choices and all other languages are subsequently organized alphabetically.





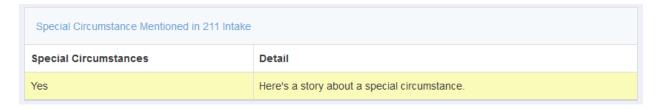
6. Added "Email" as an optional field to the demographics collection page.

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- 7. **Added** the question "Did you become homeless due to COVID-19?" (Yes/No/Don't Know/Refused/DNE).
- 8. **Added** a sub-question to "Special Circumstances" question to record details of the special circumstances.



If 'Yes' is selected and additional details are provided, the details will display on the Client Dashboard. These will be seen on both the CAN and 211 Dashboards under both 211 and the CAN roles



- 9. Added a series of questions about barriers to getting to your CAN appointment:
  - a) Added "Do you have any barriers getting to your CAN appointment?"
  - b) Added sub-question "Childcare"
  - c) Added sub-question "Transportation"
  - d) Added sub-question "Medical Issues"
  - e) Added sub-question "Mobility"
  - f) Added sub-question "Scheduling Conflict"
  - g) Added sub-question "Other"
  - h) Added sub-question "Other (Detail)"

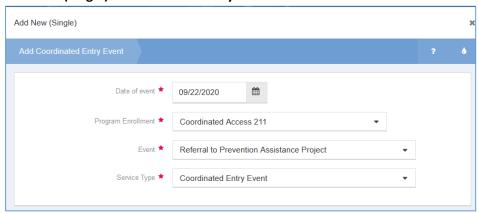


**10. Added "**Coordinated Entry Events" to the left menu under Case Management > Coordinated Entry Events

Options are available for single event entry or multiple event entry



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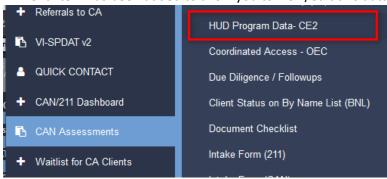




### Summary of Changes to the "Coordinated Access - Network" Role

- 1. The question "Covered by Health insurance" has been removed
- The HUD Program assessment has been modified to **remove** the sub question "Expected to be
  of long-continued and indefinite duration and substantially impairs ability to live independently"
  for each disabling conditions.
  - Substance Abuse Problem
  - o Mental Health problem
  - Developmental Disability
  - o Chronic Health Condition
  - o Physical Disability

A menu item has been added to allow you to view/edit this data.



- 3. The assessment "Coordinated Access OEC" has been retired and removed from the workflow. The following questions have been removed as their functionality has been replaced by the household screen.
  - o **Removed** "Do you have any dependent children under the age of 18?"
  - o Removed "Child 1: Date of Birth (Youngest)"
  - Removed "Youngest SSN (Last 4) of child"
  - Removed "Youngest Name of child"
  - Removed "Child 2: Date of Birth"
  - Removed "Child 3: Date of Birth"
  - o Removed "Child 4: Date of Birth"
  - Removed "Child 5: Date of Birth
- 4. The 4.19: Coordinated Entry Assessment data standard questions have been implemented as part of the workflow.
  - Assessment Location No Default
  - Assessment Type No Default
  - Assessment Level No Default
  - Prioritization Status No Default

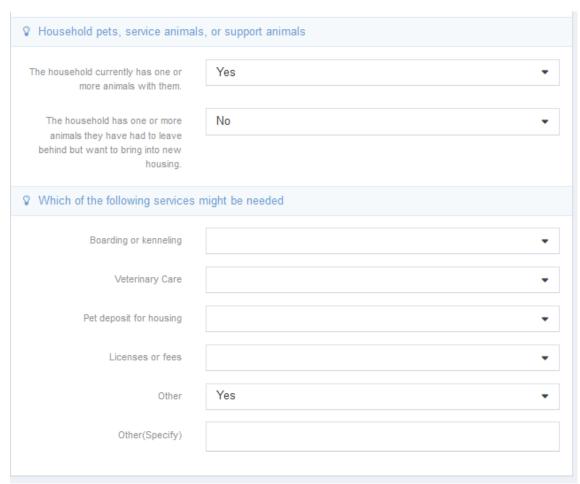




- 5. **Added** a series of question questions on pets, service and support animals.
  - a) Added "The household currently has one or more animals with them." (Yes/No)
  - b) Added "The household has one or more animals they have had to leave behind but want to bring into new housing." (Yes/No)

If either of the above questions is equal to "Yes", these sub-questions will be displayed:

- c) Added "Boarding or kenneling"
- d) Added "Veterinary Care"
- e) Added "Pet deposit for housing"
- f) Added "Licenses or fees"
- g) Added "Other"
  - If "Other" is chosen, "Other (Specify)" questions are shown (freeform text)



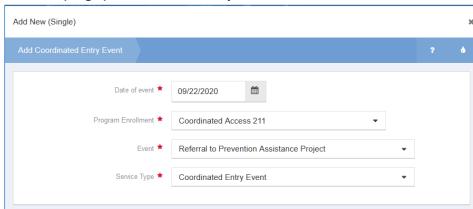


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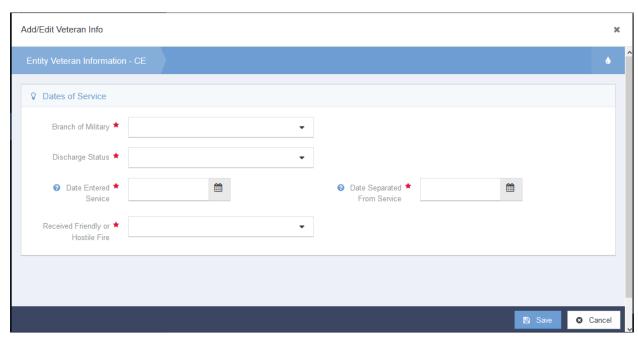
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- 7. The Veteran Information Form has been modified.
  - a) Removed "Service Connected Disability"
  - b) Removed "Months of Active Duty"
  - c) Removed "Campaign Badge Veteran"
  - d) Removed "Stand Down Event"
  - e) Removed "Serve in a War Zone"
  - f) Added "Received Friendly or Hostile Fire"



#### **Updated** Veteran Info form



#### **Old** Veteran Info Form

