

# HMIS USER NOTES

## Rules for Entering Disabilities:

The disability sub assessment in HMIS has the following options:

Alcohol Abuse  
Both alcohol and drug abuse  
Chronic Health Condition  
Developmental Disability  
Drug Abuse  
HIV/AIDS  
Mental Health Problem  
Physical

When entering information about the options above, the following rules apply.

**Physical Disability** - a physical impairment which is (a) expected to be of long, continued and indefinite duration, (b) substantially impedes an individual's ability to live independently, and (c) of such a nature that such ability could be improved by more suitable housing conditions.

*If the response to physical disability is yes, your records must **document** the physical disability.*

**Developmental Disability** - a severe, chronic disability that is attributed to a mental or physical impairment ( or combination of physical and mental impairments) that occurs before 22 years of age and limits the capacity for independent living and economic self-sufficiency.

*If the response to development disability is yes, your records must **document** the developmental disability.*

**Chronic Health Condition** - a diagnosed condition that is more than three months in duration and is either not curable or has residual effects that limit daily living and require adaptation in function or special assistance. Examples of Chronic Health Conditions include, but are not limited to, heart disease (including coronary heart disease, angina, heart attack and any other kind of heart condition or disease); severe asthma; diabetes; arthritis-related conditions (including arthritis, rheumatoid arthritis, gout, lupus, or fibromyalgia); adult onset cognitive impairments (including traumatic brain injury, post-traumatic distress syndrome, dementia, and other cognitive related conditions); severe headache/migraine; cancer; chronic bronchitis; liver condition; stroke; or emphysema.

*If the response to Chronic Health Condition is yes, your records must **document** the condition.*

**Mental Health** - May include serious depression, serious anxiety, hallucinations, violent behavior or thoughts of suicide.

*If the response to Mental Health is yes, you records must **document** the problem.*

For any of the above conditions, **Documentation includes** written verification from a state-licensed professional, such as a medical service provider or health-care provider, the Social Security Administration, or the receipt of a disability check (i.e., SSDI check or VA disability benefit check).