



SSVF HMIS Updates At A Glance

1 Financial Assistance Services

- New Rule: HMIS uses Information Date (entry date), not Service Begin Date.
- Case Manager Action: Enter financial assistance on the day it is provided/recorded.
- Double-check dates before saving.

2 New Service Type: Healthcare Navigation

- Added as a separate SSVF service option.
- Case Manager Action: Select Healthcare Navigation whenever you assist a client with accessing, coordinating, or navigating healthcare.

3 New Data Element: Mental Health Consultation

- Must record whether a client received a Mental Health Consultation.
- Case Manager Action: Ask clients and record response. If client declines or doesn't know → use correct "Don't Know/Refused" option.

4 Homelessness Prevention (HP) Targeting Criteria

- Fix: HP Targeting Criteria only appears for HP enrollments.
- Case Manager Action: Complete only when prompted; no longer required for RRH enrollments.

5 Repository Upload Transition

- October 2025: VA requires FY 2024 CSV for uploads.
- November 2025: Switch to FY 2026 CSV.
- Case Manager Action: Ensure all fields are complete & accurate—missing data may block uploads.

6 Best Practices for Data Entry

- Enter services and updates promptly.
- Use accurate dates—no back-dating.
- Record all new elements (Healthcare Navigation, Mental Health Consultation).
- Run data quality checks before closing enrollments.



Remember:

These changes help improve accuracy, reduce errors, and ensure SSVF services are fully captured in HMIS. For questions or training support, submit a Help Desk ticket.