

HMIS Release Notes

Updates to BNL v2 and Document Verification

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What are the changes?

Updates to BNL v2

The latest updates to BNL v2 incorporate new fields that will provide Length of Time Homeless information to align with the proposed new prioritization process.

Users will see the following new columns on BNL v2

- # Months Homeless (Last Three Years)
- # Days Homeless (Last Three Years)
- # Months Homeless (All Time)
- # Days Homeless (All Time)

These values mirror the calculations on the “Homeless History View” which is an updated version of the Homeless Episodes/Homeless Tracking workflow in CT HMIS. The view combines data both from manual data entry for instances of homelessness that occur outside the CT HMIS system as well as data pulled from existing literally homeless program enrollments already in the system, giving a more comprehensive view of a client’s housing history that can be used for prioritization purposes. Details on these calculations can be found [here](#).

Additional updates to BNL v2 will also remove the “Client Status on BNL” form as the source of information for most columns, replacing them with dynamic sources of information.

- Case Contact
 - Will provide information on the client’s case manager on the qualifying enrollment.
- Date Matching to Housing Program
 - Date of Latest CE Event with "Referral to RRH Project Resource Opening", "Referral to PSH Project Resource Opening", or "Referral to Other PH project/unit/resource opening"

The following columns will be updated on BNL v2

- Subcommunity will be renamed Preferred Community
 - The subcommunity field on the “Client Status on BNL” form will remain the data source for this column
 - This field is meant to provide information about the community a client would like to live in
- Latest Matched/Awarded Organization
 - Will show the organization from the latest Coordinated Entry event for “Referral to RRH Project Resource Opening”, "Referral to PSH Project Resource Opening", or "Referral to Other PH project/unit/resource opening"

- Latest Matched/Awarded Program/Provider
 - Will show the program from the latest Coordinated Entry event for "Referral to RRH Project Resource Opening", "Referral to PSH Project Resource Opening", or "Referral to Other PH project/unit/resource opening"
- Chronic Verified Yes/No which currently uses the "Client Status on BNL" form as a data source will be updated to use a calculated value that looks at whether a client has a Homeless Verification document and a Disability Verification document that have been verified based on the drop down options in the document section of CT HMIS

The following columns will be removed

- BNL CAN
 - The Coordinated Access Network column will remain on the report and will hold information about the CAN associated with the enrollment that is qualifying the client to be on BNL v2 (Qualifying Program or QP)
- BNL Status
 - This column noted whether a client was Active or Inactive on the BNL and is no longer relevant as program enrollment determines whether a client is active on BNL v2
- BNL Status Date
 - This column noted the date that a client became Active/Inactive and is now also obsolete due to the new universe logic
- Number of Homeless Episodes (Calculated)
 - This column is being removed due to technical limitations with the calculation

Updates to BNL universe

- If a client is deceased, this information will be pulled from the system deceased date or exit destination when client is deceased rather than deceased date on static BNL form

Updates to Document Verification

The document verification drop down will be updated to include new verification options to indicate whether a person is "Chronic Verified" or "Dedicated Plus Verified" in addition to the current options of "Verified", "DMHAS Verified", "Incomplete", and "Needs Review."

Which users are impacted?

BNL Managers working in the Coordinated Access – Network role

How does this help?

These updates to BNL v2 will provide additional information that BNL managers can use for prioritization based on Length of Time Homeless and will also provide information from sources other than the static BNL form which will provide more real time data about clients.

When will I see this change in HMIS?

This change is expected to be rolled out on 04/14/2022.

Screenshots of Changes

Updates to Document Verification Drop Down:

