

Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Requirements Proposed Rule Published December 9, 2011
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On December 9, 2011, HUD continued its process of implementing the HEARTH Act by publishing the **proposed rule** for HMIS Requirements. Interested parties should **submit comments to www.regulations.gov by February 7, 2012.**

The HEARTH Act required HUD to establish standards related to HMIS, including standards related to encryption of the data collected and the rights of persons receiving services under the McKinney-Vento Act.

This proposed rule provides for:

- Uniform technical requirements of HMIS,
- Proper collection of data and maintenance of the database, and
- Confidentiality of the information in the database.

This proposed rule will apply to recipients of financial assistance under the following programs:

- Emergency Solutions Grants,
- Continuum of Care,
- Rural Housing Stability Assistance,
- Supportive Housing Program,
- Shelter Plus Care, and
- Section 8 Single Room Occupancy Moderate Rehabilitation.

HUD published the HMIS rule separate from these program rules in part to avoid repetition in these rules.

Please note: This rule is being published for public comment, and not for effect. HMIS systems that are currently in operation must continue to use the standards currently in place (the 2004 Technical Standards and the 2010 Data Standards) until the HMIS rule is published as final.