New requirements are in red text and do not apply for the 2024 PR&C review. These requirements will be applicable in 2025. Minor adjustments and clarifications and changes to Tiers are in green text. These changes are applicable for the 2024 PR&C review. Bold are requirements that now apply for the 2024 PR&C review.

Standard M1	Guideline M1	Monitoring Method	Conclusion	Certifying Official*	Tier	Program Type
The agency does not share HMIS data with any agency that has not entered into a HMIS agreement with CSB.	 The agency has a written policy that precludes unauthorized data sharing. The policy is available for review. All data requests must be addressed with CSB. A written request specifying what data is to be shared must be submitted to CSB for approval. 	 <u>Policy Review</u>: CSB reviewed agency policy. <u>Discussion</u>: CSB discussed compliance with agency staff. 	 Compliant Compliant with conditions Non-compliant N/A 		1	All programs

Standard M2	Guideline M2	Monitoring Method	Conclusion	Certifying Official*	Tier	Program Type
The agency collects, enters, and extracts only HMIS data that is relevant to the delivery of homeless services.	 The agency has a written policy available for review on data collection, entry, and extraction that specifies appropriate use of data. The agency maintains the confidentiality of records pertaining to any client who received family violence 	 <u>Policy Review</u>: CSB reviewed agency policy. <u>Discussion</u>: CSB discussed compliance with agency staff. 	 Compliant Compliant with conditions Non-compliant N/A 		1	All programs

prevention or treatment services.				
 The agency maintains the confidentiality of the address o location of any family violence project. 				
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Standard M3	Guideline M3	Monitoring Method	Conclusion	Certifying Official*	Tier	Program Type
The agency collects HMIS data by lawful and fair means and, where appropriate, with the knowledge or consent of the individual.	 The agency has a written policy requiring this data to be collected in accordance with applicable law. Consent of the individual for data collection is inferred from the circumstances of the collection, even if the individual refuses to sign a Client Acknowledgement Form. The Client Acknowledgement Form is available in HMIS and staff is knowledgeable about the policy. 	Policy Review: CSB reviewed agency policy.	 Compliant Compliant with conditions Non-compliant N/A 		1	All programs

Standard M4	Guideline M4	Monitoring Method	Conclusion	Certifying Official*	Tier	Program Type
The agency posts a sign at each intake desk (or comparable location) that explains the reasons for collecting information. For remote intakes data collection notice must be given to clients verbally and displayed on the data collection form.	 The sign contains the following language: "We collect personal information directly from you for reasons that are discussed in our privacy policy. We may be required to collect some personal information by law or by organizations that give us money to operate this program. Other personal information that we collect is important to run our programs, to improve services for homeless individuals, and to better understand the needs of homeless individuals. We only collect information that we consider to be appropriate. If you would like to see our privacy policy, our staff will provide you with a copy." 	Other: CSB reviewed signage.	 Compliant Compliant with conditions Non-compliant N/A 		1	All programs
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Standard M5	Guideline M5	Monitoring Method	Conclusion	Certifying Official*	Tier	Program Type
Protected Personal Information (PPI) and other HMIS data elements collected by an agency are relevant to the purpose for which it is used, accurate, and complete.	 Accuracy is defined as at least 95% of PPI and other HMIS data elements (except entry and exit dates) entered into HMIS matches data in client files, in accordance with HMIS Client Tracking and Quality Assurance Standards outlined in the CSB Data Reference & Dictionary. Information in client files matches HMIS data. The income of each tenant must be recorded at the time of admission into a program and must be verified at time of admission into a PSH program. Income for each tenant must be verified by third-party documentation (or self- certification as a last resort after attempts to obtain third- party documentation) at least annually, including obtaining proper income documentation for the client file. Annual updates must occur within 30 days of the anniversary of the 	 Policy Review: CSB reviewed agency policy. File Review: CSB reviewed client files. 	 Compliant with conditions Non-compliant N/A 		1	All programs

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HMIS data confirms compliance			
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Where a program participant			
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CFR 578.77, 24 CFR			
578.103(a)(7) requires			
recipients and subrecipients to			
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evaluation form specified by			
HUD along with one of the			
following types of back-up			
documentation: (1) source			
documents for the assets held			
by the program participant and			
income received before the			
date of the evaluation; (2) to			
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recipient's or subrecipient's			
intake staff of the relevant third			
party's oral verification of the			
income the program participant			
received over the most recent			
period; or (3) to the extent that			
source documents and third-			
party verification are			
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	participant's own written certification of income that the program participant is reasonably expected to receive over the 3-month period following the evaluation.		
	 The agency has a written policy detailing how annual data assessment are tracked and monitored to ensure timely completion and input into HMIS. 		
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enters Project StartExit Date accuracy is defined as 100% of the dates entered into HMIS match the dates inreviewed client files.	Compliant Compliant	1	All programs
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Standard M7	Guideline M7	Monitoring Method	Conclusion	Certifying Official*	Tier	Program Type
The agency accurately enters all required HMIS data elements for each client sheltered by 9am the following day, as specified in the Partnership Agreement.	 The agency has a written quality assurance plan available for review and verifies by 9am each day that all required HMIS elements were entered accurately for the preceding day. Manual Bed list information matches HMIS program roster information. 	 Policy Review: CSB reviewed the quality assurance plan. <u>File Review</u>: CSB reviewed bed lists. 	 Compliant Compliant with conditions Non-compliant N/A 		1	Shelters
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Guideline M8		Monitoring Method	C	Conclusion	Certifying Official*	Tier	Program Type
The agency has a written quality assurance plan and a process for verifying the files match the HMIS data. The agency verifies by the 4 th working day of each month that all required HMIS data elements were entered completely and		<u>Policy Review</u> : CSB reviewed the quality assurance plan. <u>Other</u> : CSB reviewed staffing patterns.		Compliant Compliant with conditions Non- compliant N/A		1	All programs
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Standard M9	Guideline M9	Monitoring Method	Conclusion	Certifying Official*	Tier	Program Type
The agency publishes and specifies in the privacy policy the purposes for which it collects PPI and describes all uses and disclosures of PPI. The agency provides a copy of the policy to any individual upon request. For remote intakes privacy policy notice must be given to clients verbally and displayed on the data collection form.	 The privacy policy is available for review. The privacy policy requires staff to inform clients of the purpose for data collection and all client rights concerning the collection and use of their private information. The agency only uses and discloses information not covered in the privacy policy with the consent of the individual or when required by law. The agency states in the privacy policy that the 	 <u>Policy Review</u>: CSB reviewed the privacy policy and any amendments to the privacy policy. <u>Discussion</u>: CSB discussed compliance with agency staff. <u>Other</u>: CSB reviewed the agency website. 	 Compliant Compliant with conditions Non-compliant N/A 		1	All programs

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	policy may be amended at any time and those amendments may affect information obtained by the agency before the date of the change. The agency maintains permanent documentation of all privacy policy amendments.				
	The agency may infer consent for all uses and disclosures specified in the policy and for uses and disclosures determined by the agency to be compatible with those specified in the policy.				
	The agency posts a sign or verbally notifies client stating the availability of its privacy policy to anyone who requests a copy. If the agency maintains a public web page, the current version of the policy is posted.				
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Standard M10	Guideline M10	Monitoring Method	(Conclusion	Certifying Official*	Tier	Program Type
With certain exceptions, the agency allows any individual to have a copy of his or her PPI. The agency considers any request by an individual for correction of inaccurate or incomplete PPI pertaining to the individual.	 In the privacy policy, the agency may reserve the ability to rely on the following reasons for denying an individual inspection or copying of the individual's PPI: (1) information compiled in reasonable anticipation of litigation or comparable proceedings; (2) information about another individual (other than a health care or homeless provider); (3) information obtained under a promise of confidentiality (other than a promise from a health care or homeless provider) if disclosure would reveal the source of the information; (4) information the disclosure of which would be reasonably likely to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual; or (5) inability to establish individual's identity. 	Policy Review: CSB reviewed the privacy policy. Discussion: CSB reviewed agency examples of correcting PPI, or discussed the procedures with agency staff.		Compliant Compliant with conditions Non- compliant N/A		1	All programs

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Standard M11	Guideline M11	Monitoring Method	Conclusion	Certifying Official*	Tier	Program Type
The agency has a procedure for accepting and considering questions or complaints about its privacy policy and security practices.	Staff can describe the procedure and if forms are used, they are available for review.	 <u>Discussion</u>: CSB discussed with agency staff. 	 Compliant Compliant with conditions Non-compliant N/A 		1	All programs

Standard M12	Guideline M12	Monitoring Method	Conclusion	Certifying Official*	Tier	Program Type
The agency requires each member of its staff (including employees, volunteers, affiliates, contractors, and associates) to sign a confidentiality agreement acknowledging receipt of a copy of the privacy policy and pledging to comply with the privacy policy.	 The signed confidentiality agreements are available for review. 	File Review: CSB reviewed signed confidentiality agreements.	 Compliant Compliant with conditions Non-compliant N/A 		1	All programs

Standard M13	Guideline M13	Monitoring Method	Conclusion	Certifying Official*	Tier	Program Type
The agency has completed a HMIS User Agreement for each authorized system user.	 HMIS User Agreements are up-to-date and on file in HMIS. 	File Review: HMIS system provides automatic compliance with this standard.	 Compliant Compliant with conditions Non-compliant N/A 		1	All programs
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Standard M14	Guideline M14	Monitoring Method	Conclusion	Certifying Official*	Tier	Program Type
The agency does not store or display written information specifically pertaining to user access (e.g., user name, password) in any publicly accessible location. When workstations used to collect and store HMIS data are not in use and staff is not present, steps are taken	 Usernames and passwords are not displayed in any visible and accessible location. If an agency staff temporarily leaves their workstation, he/she uses the screen lock function to prevent unauthorized access from other individuals. 	 <u>Discussion</u>: CSB discussed procedures with agency staff. <u>Other</u>: CSB inspected work areas. 	 Compliant Compliant with conditions Non-compliant N/A 		1	All programs

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to ensure that the computers and data are secure and not accessible or usable by unauthorized individuals.	 After a short amount of time of non-use, workstations automatically turn on a password-protected screen saver.
	□ If staff from the agency will be gone for an extended period of time, they are required to log off the data entry system.
	 Staff can describe and/or demonstrate the procedure.
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Standard M15	Guideline M15	Monitoring Method	Conclusion	Certifying Official*	Tier	Program Type
HMIS users must not be able to log on to more than one workstation at a time or be able to access client level data from more than one location at a time if client level data is stored locally on the network.	 IT specialist can confirm compliance and compliance can be demonstrated. 	 <u>Other</u>: CSB visually confirmed compliance or reviewed written annual confirmation from IT specialist. 	 Compliant Compliant with conditions Non-compliant N/A 		1	All programs

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The agency secures all electronic HMIS data with a user authentication system consisting of a user name and a password.				
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Standard M16	Guideline M16	Monitoring Method	Conclusion	Certifying Official*	Tier	Program Type
The agency supervises any paper or other hard copy containing PPI that is generated by or for HMIS. When supervision is not possible, the hard copy PPI will be secured.	When the agency staff is unable to supervise any paper or hard copy document because they are not present, the information is secured in an area that is not publicly accessible.	Other: CSB ensured that hard copies of PPI are secure when agency staff is not present.	 Compliant Compliant with conditions Non-compliant 		1	All programs
			□ N/A			
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Standard M17	Guideline M17	Monitoring Method	Conclusion	Certifying Official*	Tier	Program Type
The agency has a written plan to dispose of or remove identifiers from PPI stored on agency computers and data storage devices that is not in current use seven years after the PPI was created or last changed (unless a statutory, regulatory, contractual, or other requirement mandates longer retention).	 To dispose of or remove identifiers or other HMIS data from data storage medium, the agency reformats the storage medium more than once before reusing or disposing of the medium. A written policy is available for review. Agencies using cloud-based storage services need to have a policy from the service provider showing compliance with data protection and proper disposal of physical media. 	Policy Review: CSB reviewed the written policy.	 Compliant Compliant with conditions Non-compliant N/A 		2	All programs

Standard M18	Guideline M18	Monitoring Method	Conclusion	Certifying Official*	Tier	Program Type
The agency provides reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities throughout the data collection process.	Reasonable accommodations include, but are not limited to, providing qualified sign language interpreters or readers or providing materials in accessible formats such as Braille,	 <u>Policy Review</u>: CSB reviewed the policy. <u>Discussion</u>: CSB discussed compliance with agency staff. 	 Compliant Compliant with conditions Non-compliant 		2	All programs

audio or large type, as needed by the individual with a disability.	□ N/A		
 The agency will provide required information in languages other than English that are common in the community if speakers of these languages are found in significant numbers and come into frequent contact with the agency. 			
The agency can provide a policy for CSB review.			
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Standard M19	Guideline M19	Monitoring Method	Conclusion	Certifying Official*	Tier	Program Type
The agency uses appropriate methods to monitor security systems.	The agency limits access to information provided by HMIS to its own employees specifically for verifying eligibility for service, entering data for services provided, tracking client services, monitoring data quality, and evaluating programs.	Policy Review: CSB reviewed the policy.	 Compliant Compliant with conditions Non-compliant N/A 		2	All programs

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	 The agency has a written policy regarding access to the HMIS database that is available for review. The policy prohibits employees from using HMIS data in an unethical or unprofessional 			
	manner.			
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Standard M20	Guideline M20	Monitoring Method	Conclusion	Certifying Official*	Tier	Program Type
The agency encrypts all HMIS data that is electronically transmitted over the Internet, publicly accessible networks, or phone lines to current industry standards.	Unencrypted data may be transmitted over secure direct connections between two systems. A secure direct connection is one that can only be accessed by users who have been authenticated on at least one of the systems involved and does not utilize any tertiary systems to transmit the data. A secure network would have secure direct connections.	Discussion: CSB discussed with agency staff how the agency secures electronically transmitted data.	 Compliant Compliant with conditions Non-compliant N/A 		2	All programs

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	 Encryption and data transmission policy is available for review. 			
	 Staff can describe compliance. 			
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Standard M21	Guideline M21	Monitoring Method	Conclusion	Certifying Official*	Tier	Program Type
The agency applies system security provisions to all the systems where PPI is stored, including but not limited to, the agency's networks, desktops, laptops, mini- computers, mainframes, and servers.	 The agency's IT specialist can confirm that these system security provisions are in place. All agency owned workstations, including laptops for remote staff, must have up-to-date antivirus software. 	 <u>Other</u>: CSB reviewed annual, written confirmation from IT specialist. 	 Compliant Compliant with conditions Non-compliant N/A 		2	All programs
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Standard M22	Guideline M22	Monitoring Method	Conclusion	Certifying Official*	Tier	Program Type
The agency secures HMIS and stored HMIS data with a user authentication system consisting of a user name and a password.	 Written policy is available for review. IT specialist can confirm compliance. 	Self-certification	 Compliant Compliant with conditions Non-compliant N/A 		3	All programs

Standard M23	Guideline M23	Monitoring Method	Conclusion	Certifying Official*	Tier	Program Type
The agency protects HMIS from malicious intrusions behind a secure firewall.	 Each individual workstation has its own firewall or there is a firewall between each workstation and any system, including the Internet and other computer networks located outside of the agency. The agency has a policy for review. IT specialist can confirm compliance. 	Self-certification	 Compliant Compliant with conditions Non-compliant N/A 		3	All programs

Standard M24	Guideline M24	Monitoring Method	Conclusion	Certifying Official*	Tier	Program Type
If an agency uses public forums for data collection or reporting, at a minimum, HMIS must be secured to allow only connections from previously approved computers and systems.	The HMIS system provides automatic compliance with this standard.	Automatic compliance determined by CSB	 ✓ Compliant □ Compliant with conditions □ Non- compliant □ N/A 		3	All programs

Standard M25	Guideline M25	Monitoring Method	Conclusion	Certifying Official*	Tier	Program Type
If the agency copies HMIS data on a regular basis to another medium (e.g., external hard drive) it stores the medium in a secure location where the required privacy and security standards also apply.	 Agency backup information is securely stored. IT specialist can confirm compliance. 	Self-certification	 Compliant Compliant with conditions Non-compliant N/A 		3	All programs

Standard M26	Guideline M26	Monitoring Method	Conclusion	Certifying Official*	Tier	Program Type
If the agency stores data in a central server or mainframe, it stores the central server or mainframe in a secure	 IT specialist can demonstrate compliance. 	Self-certification	 Compliant Compliant with conditions 		3	All programs

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temperature control and		🗆 Non-		
fire suppression		compliant		
systems.				
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Standard M27	Guideline M27	Monitoring Method	Conclusion	Certifying Official*	Tier	Program Type
Surge suppressors must be used to protect systems used for collecting and storing all of the HMIS data.	 IT specialist can confirm compliance. 	Self-certification	 Compliant Compliant with conditions Non- 		3	All programs
			compliant			

Standard M28	Guideline M28	Monitoring Method	Conclusion	Certifying Official*	Tier	Program Type
Agencies that have systems that have access to any HMIS data maintain a user access log and logs are checked regularly.	The HMIS system provides automatic compliance with this standard.	Automatic compliance determined by CSB	 ✓ Compliant Compliant with conditions Non-compliant N/A 		3	All programs

Standard M29	Guideline M29	Monitoring Method	Conclusion	Certifying Official*	Tier	Program Type
The agency applies application security provisions to the software during data entry, storage, review and any other processing function.	 The HMIS system provides automatic compliance with this standard. 	Automatic compliance determined by CSB	 ✓ Compliant Compliant with conditions Non-compliant N/A 		3	All programs

CSB reviews Tier 1 standards annually and Tier 2 standards every 4 years. For years when CSB does not review Tier 2 standards, agency staff certifies compliance with both Tier 2 and Tier 3 standards in the 'Certifying Official' column.