

Data Points

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New Data Field – Attendance at Self-Help Programs

Recently enacted SAMHSA regulations call for the collection of a new data element for the **Client file and the Discharge file** beginning in January 2010. Centers had already been notified of the possibility of this new requirement, but now it's official. The field will be optional beginning with the January files. It will be required beginning with July 2010.

The field is only intended for Substance Abuse clients. In the Client file, it will be required for any Status 1 client with an active substance abuse diagnosis.

In the Discharge file, all records should contain a value for the new field. Like the "Number of Arrests" field, the value provided should indicate the state of the client as of the date of discharge. This will require the centers to track the value over the course of treatment so that the proper value can be reported to RDMC on the date of discharge.

Field Description: The number of times client has attended a self-help program in the prior 30 days. Includes attendance at AA, NA, and other self-help/mutual support groups focused on recovery from substance abuse and dependence.

For additional details, see the Client file section of the online Implementation Guide:
www.mhmr.ky.gov/cmhc/files/ImpGuide_2010/2-ImpGuide_Client.pdf

RDMC Technical Support over the Holidays

With the exception of Christmas and New Year's Day, RDMC will be providing technical assistance and file processing over the holidays. Between December 24 and December 31, all technical inquires should be addressed to hdhughes@rdmc.org.

Reminders for Data Submission Changes for Fiscal Year 2011

Living Arrangements Field – Client File and Discharge File:

Code 99 (Other) is being discontinued as an allowable value.

New codes "25" (Living in residence of family member) and "26" (Living in residence of friend or acquaintance) were added in FY2010 to compensate for the loss of code "99".

Military History and Veteran Status Fields – Client File

The use of the Military History field will be required in FY2011.

The Veteran Status field is being discontinued as of July 2010.