

disaggregate the sources of income into more detailed categories as long as these categories can be aggregated into the above stated sources of income.

3.2 Non-Cash Benefits

Rationale: Non-cash benefits are important to determine whether people are accessing all mainstream program benefits for which they may be eligible and to ascertain a more complete picture of their situation.

Data Collection Method: Interview or self-administered form.

When Data Are Collected: Upon initial program entry or as soon as possible thereafter, at program exit, and during periodic follow-up. Needed to complete Annual Progress Reports for certain HUD McKinney-Vento Act programs.

Subjects: All adults served by program.

Recommended Questions and APR-Required Response Categories:

Q: "Have you [and/or the children who are coming into this program with you] received food stamps or money for food on a benefits card in the past month?"

0—No
1—Yes
88—Don't know
99—Refused

Q: "Do you participate in the MEDICAID health insurance program?" (or replace with local name)

0—No
1—Yes
88—Don't know
99—Refused

Q: "Do you participate in the MEDICARE health insurance program?" (or replace with local name)

0—No
1—Yes
88—Don't know
99—Refused

Q: "Do you participate in the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP)?" (or replace with local name)

0—No
1—Yes
88—Don't know
99—Refused

Q: "Do you participate in WIC?"

0—No
1—Yes
88—Don't know
99—Refused

Q: "Do you receive Veteran's Administration (VA) Medical Services?"

0—No
1—Yes
88—Don't know
99—Refused

Q: "Do you receive TANF Child Care services?" (or replace with local name)

0—No
1—Yes
88—Don't know
99—Refused

Q: "Do you receive TANF transportation services?" (or replace with local name)

0—No
1—Yes
88—Don't know
99—Refused

Q: "Do you receive any other TANF-funded services?" (or replace with local name)

0—No
1—Yes
88—Don't know
99—Refused

Q: "Do you receive help paying for your rent, for instance, Section 8, public housing, or a housing voucher?"

0—No
1—Yes
88—Don't know
99—Refused

Special Issues: Programs may choose to disaggregate the non-cash sources of income into more detailed categories as long as these categories can be aggregated into the above-stated non-cash sources of income. Programs may also choose to ask additional questions about non-cash sources of income, including: information related to benefit eligibility (e.g., if a person is not receiving a service is it because they are not eligible or eligibility has not yet been determined); and start and stop dates for receipt of benefits.

3.3 Physical Disability

Rationale: To count the number of physically disabled persons served by homeless programs, and to determine eligibility for disability benefits.

Data Collection Methods: Interview or self-administered form.

When Data Are Collected: Upon program entry or as soon as possible thereafter. Needed to complete Annual Progress Reports for certain HUD McKinney-Vento Act programs.

Subjects: All adults and children served.

Recommended Question and APR-Required Response Categories:

Q: "Do you consider yourself to have a physical disability? By physical disability, I mean that you have a physical problem that is not temporary and that limits your ability to get around or work, or your ability to live on your own."

0—No
1—Yes
88—Don't know
99—Refused

3.4 Developmental Disability

Rationale: To count the number of developmentally disabled persons served by homeless programs, and to determine eligibility for disability benefits.

Data Collection Methods: Interview or self-administered form.

When Data Are Collected: Upon program entry or as soon as possible thereafter. Needed to complete Annual Progress Reports for certain HUD McKinney-Vento Act programs.

Subjects: All adults and children served.

Recommended Question and APR-Required Response Categories:

Q: "Have you ever received benefits or services (such as an income supplement or special education classes) for a developmental disability?"

0—No
1—Yes
88—Don't know
99—Refused

Special Issues: Those with developmental disabilities may include persons who have a severe, chronic disability that is attributed to a mental or physical impairment (or combination of physical and mental impairments) that occurs before 22 years of age and limits the capacity for independent living and economic self-sufficiency.

3.5 General Health Status

Rationale: Information on general health status is a first step to identifying what types of health services a client may need. Changes in health status between intake and exit can be a valuable outcome measure. This data element permits the self-reported health status of homeless persons to be compared with the self-reported health status of the U.S. population in general.

Data Collection Method: Interview or self-administered form.

When Data are Collected: Upon initial program entry (or as soon as possible thereafter), program exit, and during periodic follow-up.

Subjects: All adults and children served by the program.

Recommended Questions and Response Categories:

Q: "Compared to other people your age, would you say your health is excellent, very good, good, fair, or poor?"

1—Excellent
2—Very Good
3—Good
4—Fair
5—Poor
88—Don't know
99—Refused