

### 3.6 Pregnancy Status

*Rationale:* To determine eligibility for benefits and need for services, and to determine the number of women entering programs for homeless persons while pregnant.

*Data Collection Method:* Interview or self-administered form.

*When Data are Collected:* Upon initial program entry or as soon as possible thereafter.

*Subjects:* All adult females served by the program.

*Recommended Questions and Response Categories:*

Q: "Are you pregnant?"

0—No

1—Yes

88—Don't know

98—Not applicable

99—Refused

*If yes, then ask the following question:*

Q: "What is your due date?" (use "X" for missing numbers)

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2002, or 01/XX/2002) (Month) (Day)  
(Year)

### 3.7 HIV/AIDS Status

*Rationale:* To count the number of persons who have been diagnosed with AIDS or have tested positive for HIV.

*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 served.

*Recommended Questions and APR-Required Response Categories:*

Q: "Have you been diagnosed with AIDS or have you tested positive for HIV?"

0—No

1—Yes

88—Don't know

99—Refused

*Special Issue:* It is only appropriate to ask these questions if the program is prepared to help persons, in a confidential manner, in order to assess the need for service and/or for programmatic reporting purposes. This assessment process should result in enhanced provision and coordination of both specific HIV-related services and/or other general services addressing a client's needs. As in other areas involving sensitive client information, these questions should be asked and recorded when a program has adequate data confidentiality protections, including adequate training of staff, to ensure that HIV-related information on this person, such as their HIV status or

their participation in related care, cannot be learned by anyone whom they themselves do not voluntarily provide or give permission to have this information. For more information on security and confidentiality, see Part 4 of this notice.

### 3.8 Behavioral Health Status

*Rationale:* To count the number of persons served with substance abuse and mental illness problems, and to assess the need for treatment.

*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 served.

*Recommended Questions and APR-Required Response Categories:*

Q: "Have you ever been in a residential, day, or outpatient treatment program (detox) or hospitalized for the treatment of alcoholism?"

0—No

1—Yes

88—Don't know

99—Refused

Q: "Do you feel that you have a problem with alcohol?"

0—No

1—Yes

88—Don't know

99—Refused

Q: "Have you ever been in a residential, day, or outpatient treatment program (detox) or hospitalized for treatment of drug dependency?"

0—No

1—Yes

88—Don't know

99—Refused

Q: "Do you feel that you have a problem with drugs?"

0—No

1—Yes

88—Don't know

99—Refused

Q: "Have you ever been treated or hospitalized for a psychiatric problem?"

0—No

1—Yes

88—Don't know

99—Refused

Q: "Do you feel that you have any current psychiatric or emotional problem(s) such as serious depression, serious anxiety, hallucinations, violent behavior, thoughts of suicide?"

0—No

1—Yes

88—Don't know

99—Refused

### 3.9 Domestic Violence

*Rationale:* Ascertaining whether a person is a victim of domestic violence is necessary to provide the person with the appropriate services to prevent further abuse and to treat the physical and psychological injuries from prior abuse. Also, ascertaining that a person may be experiencing domestic violence may be important for the safety of program staff and other clients. At the aggregate level, knowing the size of the homeless population that are victims of domestic violence can provide information needed for determining the resources needed to address the problem in this population.

*Data Collection Method:* Interview or self-administered form.

*When Data are Collected:* Upon initial program entry or as soon as possible thereafter or during assessment phase. Needed to complete Annual Progress Reports for certain HUD McKinney-Vento Act programs.

*Subjects:* All adults, except those who are entering domestic violence shelters.

*Recommended Questions and APR-Required Response Categories:*

Q: "Have you experienced domestic or intimate partner violence?"

0—No

1—Yes

88—Don't know

99—Refused

*If yes, ask the following question:*

Q: "How long ago did you have this experience?"

1—within the past three months

2—three to six months ago

3—from six to twelve months ago

4—more than a year ago

88—Don't know

99—Refused

*Special Issues:* First, it is only appropriate to ask these questions if the program is prepared to help the person, either by directly providing necessary support services or providing a referral to a program that can provide these services. Second, these questions are screening questions for identifying potential victims of domestic violence. Local programs have to decide what additional information is needed to assess the appropriate course of treatment or referral. Third, it is paramount that collecting information on domestic violence does not put the person at risk of suffering further abuse. Thus, these questions should only be asked and recorded when a program has adequate data confidentiality protections to ensure that this person or their location cannot be learned by anyone whom they themselves do not voluntarily provide or give permission