



HMIS Client Consent

Use of a Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) is required by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for agencies that receive certain types of HUD funding. Other funding sources may also require program participation in HMIS. This system is not electronically connected to HUD and is only used by authorized agencies. All persons accessing HMIS have received confidentiality training and have signed agreements to protect clients' personal information and limit its use appropriately. The HMIS Privacy Policy is available upon request and is posted at the Coalition for the Homeless's website (www.homelesshouston.org/HMIS). Any additional data sharing agreements, providing details on how the member agency handles client information beyond the baseline HMIS Privacy Policy, are available at the agency service sites.

I give permission to the agency listed below to collect and enter information into HMIS about me and my household, which may include demographics, picture, health information, and services that I receive from participating agencies. I understand that the HMIS is shared with and used by authorized agencies in my community for the purposes of:

- Assessing clients' needs in order to provide better assistance and to improve their current or future situations
- Improving the quality of care and service for people in need.
- Tracking the effectiveness of community efforts to meet the needs of people who have received assistance.
- Reporting data on an aggregate level that does not identify specific people or their personal information.

I understand that:

- I have the right to review my HMIS record with an authorized user.
- All agencies that use HMIS will treat my information with respect and in a professional and confidential manner.
- Unauthorized people or organizations cannot gain access to my information without my consent.
- If I do not sign this form, it will not change whether or not I can receive services from the agency listed below and any other participating agencies. However, I would need to contact each such agency directly to apply for assistance and for a determination of eligibility.
- This authorization shall remain in effect from the date of my signature below.
- That I may revoke this authorization at any time by notifying the agency listed below in writing. I also understand that the written revocation must be signed and dated later than the date on this authorization. The revocations will not affect any actions taken before the receipt of the written revocation.

Today's Date: _____

Client Name (print): _____

Client Signature: _____