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Dear Ryan White Program Service Provider,

PROGRAM GUIDANCE 2014.3: UPDATES TO THE RYAN WHITE SERVICES REPORT AND HIV CASEWATCH

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) has announced changes to the 2014 Ryan White Services Report (RSR). As a result and effective October 1, 2014, ACMS will reprogram HIV Casewatch in order to comply with the changes required by HRSA. Providers that are using their own data collection systems and generate their own XML RSR file, will need to make these changes before submission of 2014 RSR.

Since the majority of the changes for the 2014 RSR include the removal of the value ‘Unknown’ from many of the RSR questions. We recommend that all providers review data for the RSR submission for calendar year 2014 that have already been entered. Where these changes have been made, fields that are marked with a value of ‘Unknown’ will be updated to missing. Please note that HRSA requires RSR submissions have no more than 5% missing/unknown responses.

The following fields have been changed for the 2014 RSR per HRSA guidelines:

Client Demographics

RSR Field	Change
First Service Date	Removed
Enrollment status	‘Unknown’ selection no longer allowed
Ethnicity	‘Unknown’ selection no longer allowed
Poverty level	‘Unknown’ selection no longer allowed
Housing status	‘Unknown’ selection no longer allowed
Geographic Unit Code	Removed
HIV/AIDS status	‘Unknown’ selection no longer allowed
HIV risk factor	‘Other’ selection no longer allowed; ‘Risk factor not reported/not identified’ allowed.
Health Insurance coverage	‘Unknown’ selection no longer allowed
Race categories	Updated and more specific
Sex at birth	New

Clinical

RSR Field	Change
Risk Screening	'Unknown' selection no longer allowed
Viral Load Test	Rule change – for undetectable values '<' not used; use known lower bound of test or zero
Prescribe PCP Prophylaxis	'Unknown' selection no longer allowed
Screened TB during reporting period	Removed
Screen for TB since HIV diagnosis	Required if clinical information is reported
Syphilis screening	'Unknown' selection no longer allowed
Hepatitis B screened during reporting period	Removed
Screen for Hepatitis B since HIV diagnosis	Required if clinical information is reported
Hepatitis B vaccination	'Unknown' selection no longer allowed
Hepatitis C screening during reporting period	Removed
Screen for Hepatitis C since HIV diagnosis	Required if clinical information is reported
Substance Abuse Screening	'Unknown' selection no longer allowed
Mental Health Screening	'Unknown' selection no longer allowed
Cervical PAP Screening	'Unknown' selection no longer allowed
Pregnancy Screening	'Unknown' selection no longer allowed
Prenatal Care	Removed
Prescribed ARV	Removed

HIV Counseling and Testing Section (for those providers that do testing and counseling)

RSR Field	Change
Date of first positive HIV test	New
Date of first medical visit after positive HIV test	New

If you have any questions about these changes, please contact Mike Janson, Chief, Program Evaluation and Data Management at 213-351-8189 or mjanson@ph.lacounty.gov.

Very truly yours,



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