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### *Alternative Destination Responses to use in Place of 'Other'*

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When processing a discharge in AWARDS the list of “Destinations” can be overwhelming, sometimes leading users to select ‘Other’ and then typing in the destination the client was discharged to. Unfortunately doing so means that these discharges “will not count in any HMIS-based reporting as a positive outcome” (HUD HMIS Data Standards). Our goal is to ensure that the amazing work each agency does is reflected in the CRHMIS database. To obtain our goal, we have put together a list of destinations we have found being used often when selecting “Other” for Destination at Discharge along with the option from the HUD defined selection list that should be used in place of ‘Other’

<b>'Other' Destination</b>	<b>Instead Use</b>
Moved in with Mother, Father, Brother, etc.	Staying or living with family permanent tenure
Client found own apartment	Rental by client w/out subsidy
Moved in with Girlfriend, Boyfriend, Friend	Staying or living with friends permanent tenure
Went to Hospital	Hospital or other residential non-psychiatric medical facility
Client passed away	Deceased
Client moved to Supported Housing	Permanent Housing for former homeless persons (CoC, HUD leg...)
Moved to (State Name) to live with Dad, child, ect.	Staying or living with family permanent tenure
Client went out and never came back	No exit interview completed
Removed from program sent to DSS	Emergency Shelter incl hotel/motel paid w/ emerg shelter voucher
Entered Rehab	Substance abuse treatment facility or detox center
Client was arrested	Jail, prison or juvenile detention facility

## An excerpt from the HMIS Data Standards Manual

### Element 3.12 Destination

**Data Collection Instruction** Record where the client is expected to stay after the complete or stop participating in project activities.

Select the Destination response category that *most closely* matched where the client will be staying after exiting the project.

‘Other’ should be used only as a last resort if the client’s destination truly cannot be even loosely described by any of the available options.

Any response of ‘Other’ will not count in any HMIS-based reporting as a positive outcome. Note that the client’s Destination is about where they are staying, not necessarily about why they are staying there.