

The Intersection of Homelessness and Medicaid Use

2017 Governor's Conference on Housing and
Economic Development

October 5, 2017



An Overview

- In 2002, Congress directed the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to establish a system of data collection that became the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS).
- In 2004, HUD published its final rule requiring the collection of Universal and Program Specific Data Elements in HMIS. That same year, HUD published the HMIS Privacy and Security Standards.
- With its federal partners, HUD released updates to the HMIS Data Elements in 2010, 2014 and 2017.



Federal Partner Programs



- Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)
- Continuum of Care (CoC)
- Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)
- HUD – Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH)
- Rural Housing Stability Program (RHSP)



- Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF)



- SAMHSA
 - Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH)
- FYSB
 - Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY)

In New Jersey

- The NJ HMIS Collaborative was established in 2003 to collect data on homelessness throughout the twenty (20) participating counties to guide local and state planning efforts to reduce and end homelessness.
- NJ State Partners
 - Department of Community Affairs (DCA)
 - Department of Human Services (DHS)
 - Department of Children and Families (DCF)
 - New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency (NJHMFA)
- The HMIS team at NJHMFA provides direct technical assistance to over 1450 users at more than 265 outreach, shelter, service and housing providers collecting data at more than 1600 programs across 19 counties.

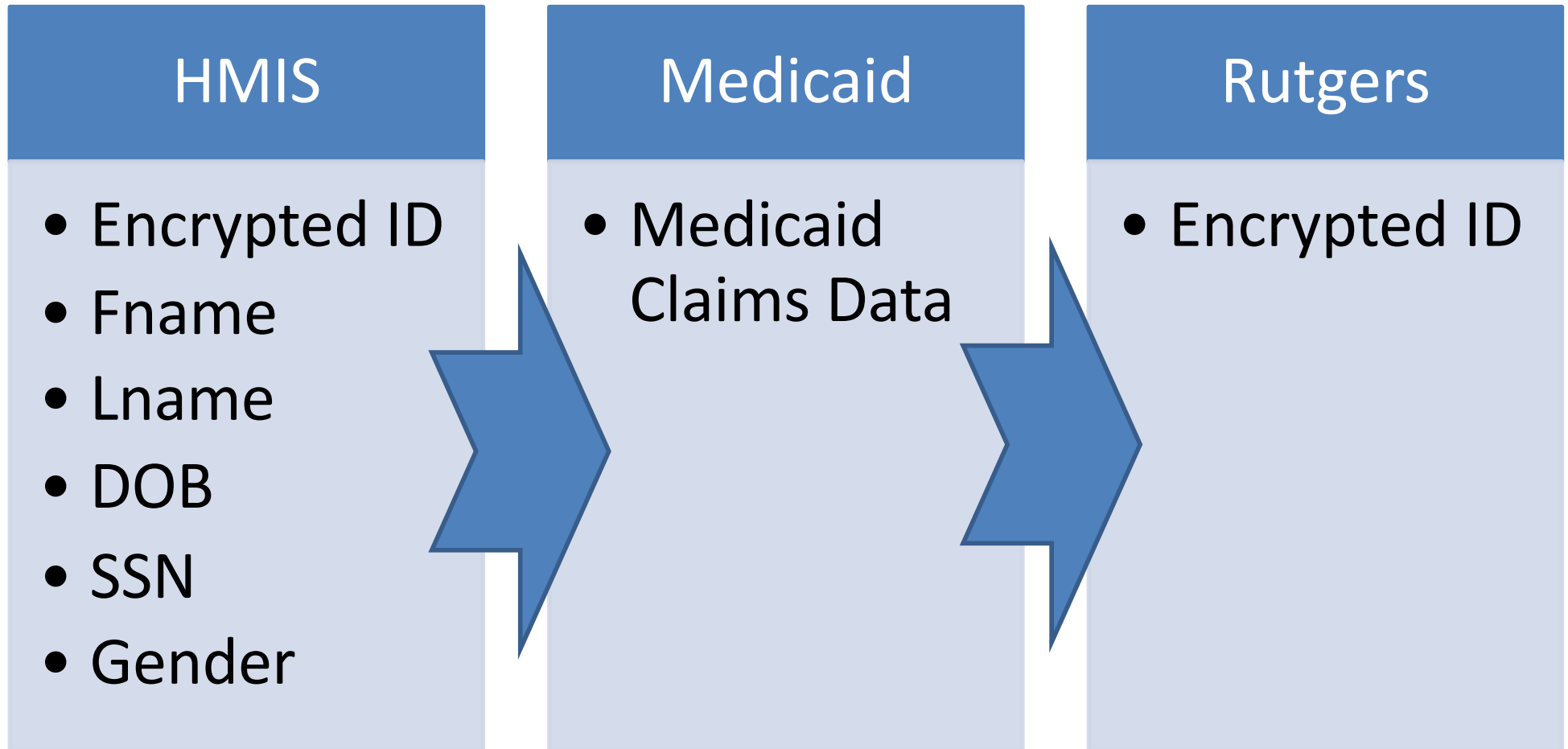
What's Collected

- Data Collection Points
 - Outreach Contact
 - Program Entry
 - Service Provision
 - Program Exit
 - Annual Assessment



- Privacy & Sharing
 - Sharing rules govern what is accessible to others within HMIS
 - Each client is able to choose a sharing level
 - Protected Programs are hidden
 - Regulations allow for sharing of identifiable data for research purposes outside of HMIS

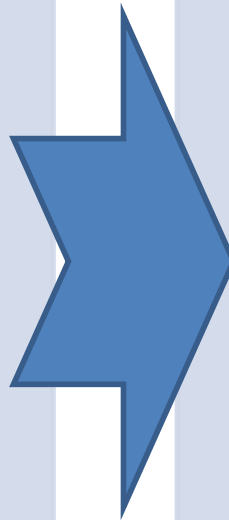
De-Identifying the Data Set



Matching De-Identified Data to Services

HMIS

- Encrypted ID
- De-Identified demographics and program enrollment Information



Rutgers

- Medicaid Claims Data Matches