

Social Need Screening and Intervention (SNS-E)

*Electronic Clinical Data Systems (ECDS) Measure

Measure Description

The percentage of patients who were screened, using prespecified instruments, at least once during the measurement period for unmet food, housing and transportation needs, and received a corresponding intervention if they screened positive.

- **Food Screening.** The percentage of patients who were screened for food insecurity.
- **Food Intervention.** The percentage of patients who received a corresponding intervention within 1 month of screening positive for food insecurity.
- **Housing Screening.** The percentage of patients who were screened for housing instability, homelessness, or housing inadequacy.
- **Housing Intervention.** The percentage of patients who received a corresponding intervention within 1 month of screening positive for housing instability, homelessness, or housing inadequacy.
- **Transportation Screening.** The percentage of patients who were screened for transportation insecurity.
- **Transportation Intervention.** The percentage of patients who received a corresponding intervention within 1 month of screening positive for transportation insecurity.



Best Practices

- ★ **Screen** members routinely for social needs, documenting the screening date and any corresponding interventions for positive screenings.
- ★ **Assess** barriers to care, linking members to resources as appropriate.
- ★ **Provide** education to members on how social needs can impact health, allowing adequate time and fostering a safe environment to discuss any needs.
- ★ **Provide** education to staff on the importance of screening, documenting, and coding for social needs screenings.
- ★ **Offer** extended hours if you provide services in-house.
- ★ **Interventions** may include any of the following categories: adjustment, assistance, coordination, counseling, education, evaluation of eligibility, evaluation/assessment, provision or referral.
- ★ **Set** care gap “alerts” in your electronic medical record.

Food insecurity	Uncertain, limited, or unstable access to food that is: adequate in quantity and in nutritional quality; culturally acceptable; safe and acquired in socially acceptable ways.
Housing instability	Currently consistently housed but experiencing any of the following circumstances in the past 12 months: being behind on rent or mortgage, multiple moves, cost burden or risk of eviction.
Homelessness	Currently living in an environment that is not meant for permanent human habitation (e.g., cars, parks, sidewalks, abandoned buildings, on the street), not having a consistent place to sleep at night, or because of economic difficulties, currently living in a shelter, motel, temporary or transitional living situation.
Housing inadequacy	Housing does not meet habitability standards.
Transportation insecurity	Uncertain, limited or no access to safe, reliable, accessible, affordable and socially acceptable transportation infrastructure and modalities necessary for maintaining one’s health, well-being or livelihood.

Eligible screening instruments with thresholds for positive findings include:

Food insecurity instruments	Food Insecurity Instruments	Screening Item LOINC Codes	Positive Finding LOINC Codes
	Accountable Health Communities (AHC) Health-Related Social Needs (HRSN) Screening Tool	88122-7	LA28397-0 LA6729-3
		88123-5	LA28397-0 LA6729-3
	American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) Social Needs Screening Tool	88122-7	LA28397-0 LA6729-3
		88123-5	LA28397-0 LA6729-3
	Health Leads Screening Panel ^{®1}	95251-5	LA33-6
	Hunger Vital Sign ^{™1} (HVS)	88124-3	LA19952-3
	Protocol for Responding to and Assessing Patients’ Assets, Risks and Experiences [PRAPARE] ^{®1}	93031-3	LA30125-1
	Safe Environment for Every Kid (SEEK) ^{®1}	95400-8	LA33-6
		95399-2	LA33-6
	U.S. Household Food Security Survey [U.S. FSS]	95264-8	LA30985-8 LA30986-6
	U.S. Adult Food Security Survey [U.S. FSS]	95264-8	LA30985-8 LA30986-6
	U.S. Household Food Security Survey–Six-Item Short Form [U.S. FSS]	95264-8	LA30985-8 LA30986-6
	We Care Survey	96434-6	LA32-8
WellRx Questionnaire	93668-2	LA33-6	

Eligible screening instruments with thresholds for positive findings include:

	Housing Instability and Homelessness Instruments	Screening Item LOINC Codes	Positive Finding LOINC Codes
Housing instability, homelessness and housing inadequacy screening instruments	Accountable Health Communities (AHC) Health-Related Social Needs (HRSN) Screening Tool	71802-3	LA31994-9 LA31995-6
	American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) Social Needs Screening Tool	99550-6	LA33-6
	Children’s Health Watch Housing Stability Vital Signs™ ¹	98976-4	LA33-6
		98977-2	≥3
		98978-0	LA33-6
	Health Leads Screening Panel ¹	99550-6	LA33-6
	Protocol for Responding to and Assessing Patients’ Assets, Risks and Experiences [PRAPARE] ¹	93033-9	LA30190-5
		71802-3	LA33-6
	We Care Survey	96441-1	LA33-6
	Accountable Health Communities (AHC) Health-Related Social Needs (HRSN) Screening Tool	96778-6	LA31996-4 LA28580-1 LA31997-2 LA31998-0 LA31999-8 LA32000-4 LA32001-2
	American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) Social Needs Screening Tool	96778-6	LA32691-0 LA28580-1 LA32693-6 LA32694-4 LA32695-1 LA32696-9 LA32001-2

Eligible screening instruments with thresholds for positive findings include:

Transportation insecurity screening instruments	Transportation Insecurity Instruments	Screening Item LOINC Codes	Positive Finding LOINC Codes
	Accountable Health Communities (AHC) Health-Related Social Needs (HRSN) Screening Tool	93030-5	LA33-6
	American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) Social Needs Screening Tool	99594-4	99594-4
	Comprehensive Universal Behavior Screen (CUBS)	89569-8	LA29232-8 LA29233-6 LA29234-4
	Health Leads Screening Panel ^{®1}	99553-0	LA33-6
	Protocol for Responding to and Assessing Patients’ Assets, Risks and Experiences [PRAPARE] ^{®1}	93030-5	LA30133-5 LA30134-3
	PROMIS ^{®1}	92358-1	LA30024-6 LA30026-1 LA30027-9
	WellRx Questionnaire	93671-6	LA33-6

¹**Proprietary; may be cost or licensing requirement associated with use.**

Interventions

An intervention corresponding to the type of need identified on or up to 30 days after the date of the first positive screening during the measurement period.

- A positive food insecurity screen finding must be met by a food insecurity intervention.
- A positive housing instability or homelessness screen finding must be met by a housing instability or homelessness intervention.
- A positive housing inadequacy screen finding must be met by a housing inadequacy intervention.
- A positive transportation insecurity screen finding must be met by a transportation insecurity intervention.

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