COLLECTING SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH DATA TO ADDRESS MEMBERS’ UNMET NEEDS

At AmeriHealth Caritas Pennsylvania and AmeriHealth Caritas Northeast, care is the heart of our work. That means that every day we put our members and their families first. We work to improve not only their health, but also the economic and social issues that can act as a barrier to proper care — social determinants of health that are estimated to account for 70 percent of avoidable mortality in the United States alone.

AmeriHealth Caritas Pennsylvania and AmeriHealth Caritas Northeast assess, identify, and address health care and social determinants of health needs in the populations we serve, helping to enable our members to live healthier lives and achieve maximum independence.

What are social determinants of health?

Our mission to build strong, healthy communities goes beyond clinical care. Up to 80 percent to 90 percent of a person's health is tied to factors other than clinical care. These factors, known as the social determinants of health (SDOH), include nutritious food, access to care, safe housing, reliable transportation, and community supports.

What is the impact of SDOH?

These underlying drivers of health impact every part of our physical, mental, and social well-being. When they work against someone or are left unaddressed, they create health inequalities — which lead to worse outcomes and more expensive care.

Social factors, including education, racial segregation and bias, social supports, and poverty, can affect a person's risk factors for premature death and life expectancy. SDOH disproportionately impact low-income individuals and minority populations. As SDOH have a significant impact on health outcomes, addressing the impacts of SDOH is essential to the achievement of greater health equity.

How can I help?

As an AmeriHealth Caritas Pennsylvania and AmeriHealth Caritas Northeast provider, you deliver health care services to our members. Health care providers who serve our members are uniquely positioned to identify and address SDOH, and together we can customize person-centered programs to ensure that our members have the critical support and services they need, so they can make important lifestyle changes and lead healthier, more productive lives.

When you submit claims, please add the appropriate supplemental ICD-10 diagnosis codes that identify SDOH. On the next page are examples of ICD-10 codes and descriptions useful for classifying relevant socioeconomic information valuable for population health.

With your help, AmeriHealth Caritas Pennsylvania and AmeriHealth Caritas Northeast will have actionable data and be able to respond to our members' unmet needs.

Sources:

Note: SDOH should not be used as the admitting or principal diagnosis.
SDOH description | ICD-10 codes
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**Education** |  
Z550 | Illiteracy and low-level literacy  
Z551 | Schooling unavailable and unattainable  
Z558 | Other problems related to education and literacy  
Z559 | Problems related to education and literacy, unspecified  
**Employment** |  
Z56.0 | Unemployment, unspecified  
Z56.2 | Threat of job loss  
Z56.3 | Stressful work schedule  
Z56.6 | Other physical and mental strain related to work  
Z56.8 | Sexual harassment on the job  
Z56.8 | Military deployment status  
Z56.4 | Discord with boss and workmates  
**Housing and economic** |  
Z590 | Homeless  
Z591 | Inadequate housing  
Z592 | Discord with neighbors, lodgers, and landlord  
Z593 | Problems related to living in residential institution  
Z594 | Lack of adequate food and safe drinking water  
Z595 | Extreme poverty  
Z596 | Low income  
Z597 | Insufficient social insurance and welfare support  
Z598 | Other problems related to housing and economic circumstances  
Z599 | Problem related to housing and economic circumstances, unspecified  
**Social environment** |  
Z600 | Problems of adjustment to life-cycle transitions  
Z602 | Problem related to living alone  
Z603 | Acculturation difficulty  
Z604 | Social exclusion and rejection  
Z605 | Target of (perceived) adverse discrimination and persecution  
Z608 | Other problems related to social environment  
Z609 | Problem related to social environment, unspecified  
**Upbringing** |  
Z6221 | Child in welfare custody  
Z6222 | Institutional upbringing  
Z6229 | Other upbringing away from parents  
Z62810 | Personal history of physical and sexual abuse in childhood  
Z62811 | Personal history of psychological abuse in childhood  
Z62812 | Personal history of neglect in childhood  
Z62819 | Personal history of unspecified abuse in childhood  
**Family and social support issues** |  
Z630 | Problems in relationship with spouse or partner  
Z6331 | Absence of family member due to military deployment  
Z6332 | Other absence of family member  
Z634 | Disappearance and death of family member  
Z635 | Disruption of family by separation and divorce  
Z636 | Dependent relative needing care at home  
Z6371 | Stress on family due to return of family member from military deployment  
Z6372 | Alcoholism and drug addiction in family  
Z6379 | Other stressful life events affecting family and household  
**Experiences with crime, violence, and the judicial system** |  
Z650 | Conviction in civil and criminal proceedings without imprisonment  
Z651 | Imprisonment and other incarceration  
Z652 | Problems related to release from prison  
Z653 | Problems related to other legal circumstances  
Z654 | Victim of crime and terrorism  
Z655 | Exposure to disaster, war, and other hostilities  
**Inadequate material resources** |  
Z753 | Unavailability and inaccessibility of health care facilities  
Z754 | Unavailability and inaccessibility of other helping agencies  
**Contact with and suspected exposure** |  
Z77010 | Contact with and suspected exposure to arsenic  
Z77011 | Contact with and suspected exposure to lead  
Z77090 | Contact with and suspected exposure to asbestos  
Z570 | Occupational exposure to noise  
Z571 | Occupational exposure to radiation  
Z572 | Occupational exposure to dust  
Z5731 | Occupational exposure to environmental tobacco smoke  
Z5739 | Occupational exposure to other air contaminants  
Z574 | Occupational exposure to toxic agents in agriculture  
Z575 | Occupational exposure to toxic agents in other industries  
Z578 | Occupational exposure to other risk factors  
**Stress** |  
Z733 | Stress, not elsewhere classified  
Z734 | Inadequate social skills, not elsewhere classified  
Z7389 | Other problems related to life management difficulty  
Z739 | Problem related to life management difficulty, unspecified  
Z658 | Other specified problems related to psychosocial circumstances  
Z659 | Problem related to unspecified psychosocial circumstances  

A full SDOH assessment can be conducted annually and updates provided at each visit to resolve prior concerns or add new ones. These Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) codes can be used when reporting: G9919-Screening performed and positive and provision of recommendations; G9920-Screening performed and negative.

**Questions?**
If you have questions, please contact your provider Account Executive or the Provider Services department at AmeriHealth Caritas Pennsylvania 1-800-521-6007 AmeriHealth Caritas Northeast 1-888-208-7370

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