

Social Need Screening and Intervention (SNS-E)

Measure Description

The percentage of members who were screened, using prespecified instruments, at least once during the measurement period (January 1 – December 31) for unmet food, housing and transportation needs, and received a corresponding intervention if they screened positive.

- **Food Screening:** The percentage of members who were screened for food insecurity between January 1 and December 1 of the measurement period.
- **Food Intervention:** The percentage of members who received a corresponding intervention within 1 month (31 days total) of screening positive for food insecurity.
- **Housing Screening:** The percentage of members who were screened for housing instability, homelessness or housing inadequacy between January 1 and December 1 of the measurement period.
- **Housing Intervention:** The percentage of members who received a corresponding intervention within 1 month (31 days total) of screening positive for housing instability, homelessness, or housing inadequacy.
- **Transportation Screening:** The percentage of members who were screened for transportation insecurity between January 1 and December 1 of the measurement period.
- **Transportation Intervention:** The percentage of members who received a corresponding intervention within 1 (31 total days) month of screening positive for transportation insecurity.

Eligibility: Any age member for any line of business.

Product Lines: Commercial, Medicaid, Medicare, Exchange

Codes Included in the Current HEDIS® Measure

Description	Code
Food Insecurity Procedures	CPT: 96156, 96160, 96161, 97802-97804 HCPCS: S5170, S9470
Homelessness Procedures, or Housing Instability Procedures, or Inadequate Housing Procedures, or Transportation Insecurity Procedures	CPT: 96156, 96160, 96161

Codes to Identify Eligible Screening Instruments and Positive Findings

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
American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) Social Needs Screening Tool	88123-5	LA28397-0 LA6729-3
Health Leads Screening Panel ^{*1}	95251-5	LA33-6
Hunger Vital Sign ^{TM1} (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], U.S. Adult Food Security Survey [U.S. FSS], U.S. Child Food Security Survey [U.S. FSS], 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

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

Housing Instability and Homelessness Instruments	Screening Item LOINC Codes	Positive Finding LOINC Codes
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	LA33-6
	71802-3	LA30190-5
We Care Survey	96441-1	LA33-6
WellRx Questionnaire	93669-0	LA33-6

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

Housing Inadequacy Instruments	Screening Item LOINC Codes	Positive Finding LOINC Codes	
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
Norwalk Community Health Center Screening Tool [NCHC]	99134-9 99135-6	LA33-6 LA31996-4 LA31997-2 LA31998-0	LA31999-8 LA32000-4 LA32001-2

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	LA33-6 LA33093-8 LA30134-3
Comprehensive Universal Behavior Screen (CUBS)	89569-8	LA29232-8 LA29233-6 LA29234-4

The Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS®) is a registered trademark of NCQA. The NCQA HEDIS measure specification has been adjusted pursuant to NCQA’s *Rules for Allowable Adjustments of HEDIS*. The adjusted measure specification may be used only for internal quality improvement purposes.
Updated 1/31/25.

Health Leads Screening Panel ¹	99553-0	LA33-6
Outcome and assessment information set (OASIS) form	101351-5	LA30133-5 LA30134-3
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

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

Ways Providers can Improve HEDIS® Performance

- Screen patients during visits for food insecurity, housing instability, homelessness, housing inadequacy and transportation insecurity using prespecified instruments.
 - *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.
- Document in the medical record the screening encounter date and the corresponding intervention if the member screened positive. Help members find free or low-cost resources for basic needs (i.e., housing, food, clothing, job training, and more) in their community at www.MolinaHelpFinder.com.
- An intervention may include any of the following intervention categories: assistance, assessment, counseling, coordination, education, evaluation of eligibility, provision, or referral.

Ways Health Plans can Improve HEDIS® Performance

- Screen members during outreach for food insecurity, housing instability, homelessness, housing inadequacy and transportation insecurity using prespecified instruments.
 - *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.

- Ensure your member (and member's family) understands the local community support resources.
- Refer member/family/caregiver for Care Coordination/Case Management.
- Educate providers to utilize standardized screening tools in EMR and appropriate billing to ensure included in electronic measure.
- Connect with local crisis services immediately for an evaluation if a member is experiencing an acute need.

Exclusions

- Members in hospice or using hospice services any time during the measurement year.
- Members who die any time during the measurement year.
- Medicare members 66 years of age and older by the end of the measurement period who meet either of the following:
 - Enrolled in an Institutional SNP (I-SNP) any time during the measurement period.
 - Living long-term in an institution any time during the measurement period, as identified by the LTI flag in the Monthly Membership Detail Data File.

All summaries of the measures contained herein are reproduced with permission from HEDIS® Volume 2: Technical Specifications for Health Plans by the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA).

The information presented herein is for informational and illustrative purposes only. It is not intended, nor is it to be used, to define a standard of care or otherwise substitute for informed medical evaluation, diagnosis and treatment which can be performed by a qualified medical professional. Molina Healthcare, Inc. does not warrant or represent that the information contained herein is accurate or free from defects.

COPYRIGHT NOTICE AND DISCLAIMER

HEDIS® is a registered trademark of the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA). The HEDIS measures and specifications were developed by and are owned by NCQA. NCQA holds a copyright in these materials and may rescind or alter these materials at any time. Users of the HEDIS measures and specifications shall not have the right to alter, enhance or otherwise modify the HEDIS measures and specifications, and shall not disassemble, recompile or reverse engineer the HEDIS measures and specifications. Anyone desiring to use or reproduce the materials, subject to licensed user restrictions, without modification for an internal non-commercial purpose may do so without obtaining any approval from NCQA. Use of the Rules for Allowable Adjustments of HEDIS to make permitted adjustments of the materials does not constitute a modification. All other uses, including a commercial use (including but not limited to vendors using the measures and specifications with a product or service to calculate measure results), or any external reproduction, distribution and publication of the HEDIS measures or results ("rates") therefrom must be approved by NCQA and are subject to a license at the discretion of NCQA. Any use of the materials to identify records or calculate measure results, for example, requires a custom license and may necessitate certification pursuant to NCQA's Measure Certification Program.

HEDIS measures and specifications are not clinical guidelines, do not establish a standard of medical care and have not been tested for all potential applications. The measures and specifications are provided "as is" without warranty of any kind. NCQA makes no representations, warranties or endorsements about the quality of any product, test or protocol identified as numerator compliant or otherwise identified as meeting the requirements of a HEDIS measure or specification. NCQA also makes no representations, warranties or endorsements about the quality of any organization or clinician who uses or reports performance measures. NCQA has no liability to anyone who relies on HEDIS measures and specifications or data reflective of performance under such measures and specifications.

Limited proprietary coding is contained in the measure specifications for convenience. Users of the proprietary code sets should obtain all necessary licenses from the owners of these code sets. NCQA disclaims all liability for use or accuracy of any coding contained in the specifications.

CPT® codes, descriptions and other data are copyright 2024 American Medical Association (AMA). All rights reserved. CPT is a trademark of the AMA. Fee schedules, relative value units, conversion factors and/or related components are not assigned by the AMA, are not part of CPT, and the AMA is not recommending their use. The AMA does not directly or indirectly practice medicine or dispense medical services. The AMA assumes no liability for the data contained herein. Applicable FARS/DFARS restrictions apply to government use.

Health Care Provider Taxonomy Code Set codes copyright 2024 AMA. The codes are published in cooperation with the National Uniform Claim Committee (NUCC) by the AMA. Applicable FARS/DFARS restrictions apply.

The American Hospital Association holds a copyright to the Uniform Billing Codes ("UB") contained in the measure specifications. The UB Codes in the HEDIS specifications are included with the permission of the AHA. All uses of the UB Codes may require a license from the AHA. Specifically, anyone desiring to use the UB Codes in a commercial product to generate HEDIS results, or for any other commercial use, must obtain a commercial use license directly from the AHA. To inquire about licensing, contact ub04@aha.org.

The American Dental Association (ADA) holds a copyright to the Current Dental Terminology (CDT) codes contained in certain measure specifications. The CDT codes in the HEDIS specifications are included with the permission of the ADA. All uses of the CDT codes require a license from the ADA. No alteration, amendments, or modifications of the CDT or any portion thereof is allowed. Resale, transmission, or distribution of copies of the CDT or other portions of the CDT is also not allowed. To inquire about licensing, contact CDT-SNODENT@ada.org.

Some measure specifications contain coding from LOINC® (<https://loinc.org/>). The LOINC table, LOINC codes, LOINC panels and form file, LOINC linguistic variants file, LOINC/RSNA Radiology Playbook, and LOINC/IEEE Medical Device Code Mapping Table are copyright © 1995–2024 Regenstrief Institute, Inc. and the Logical Observation Identifiers Names and Codes (LOINC) Committee and are available at no cost under the license at <https://loinc.org/kb/license/>.

"SNOMED" and "SNOMED CT" are registered trademarks of the International Health Terminology Standards Development Organisation (IHTSDO).

The CDC Race and Ethnicity code system was developed by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). NCQA's use of the code system does not imply endorsement by the CDC of NCQA, or its products or services. The code system is otherwise available on the CDC website at no charge.

Certain NullFlavor codes are owned and copyrighted by Health Level Seven International (HL7®); 2024. "HL7" is a registered trademark of Health Level Seven International.

RadLex copyright 2014, The Radiological Society of North America (RSNA), all rights reserved. Licensed under RadLex License Version 2.0. You may obtain a copy of the license at: <http://www.rsna.org/radlexdownloads/> This work is distributed under the above noted license on an "AS IS" basis, WITHOUT WARRANTIES OF ANY KIND, either express or implied. Please see the license for complete terms and conditions.

No part of this publication may be reproduced or transmitted in any form or by any means, electronic or mechanical, including photocopy, recording or any information storage and retrieval system, without the written permission of NCQA.

© 2024 by the National Committee for Quality Assurance
1100 13th Street NW, Third Floor, Washington, DC 20005

The Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS®) is a registered trademark of NCQA. The NCQA HEDIS measure specification has been adjusted pursuant to NCQA's *Rules for Allowable Adjustments of HEDIS*. The adjusted measure specification may be used only for internal quality improvement purposes.
Updated 1/31/25.