ICD-10 Coordination and Maintenance Committee Meeting

Social Determinants of Health

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What are Social Determinants of Health?

Social determinants
are the
environmental
factors that impact
health outcomes,
utilization and cost,
including financial
stability, physical
safety, education,
housing,
transportation,
nutrition,
community support,
and access to care

Economic Stability	Neighborhood and Physical Environment	Education	Food	Community and Social Context	Health Care System
Employment Income Expenses Debt Medical bills Support	Housing Transportation Safety Parks Playgrounds Walkability Zip code / geography	Literacy Language Early childhood education Vocational training Higher education	Hunger Access to healthy options	Social integration Support systems Community engagement Discrimination Stress	Health coverage Provider availability Provider linguistic and cultural competency Quality of care

Health Outcomes

Mortality, Morbidity, Life Expectancy, Health Care Expenditures, Health Status, Functional Limitations

Source: Henry J Kaiser Family Foundation, Beyond Health Care: The Role of Social Determinants in Promoting Health and Health Equity

By the Numbers: Social Determinants and Health

20%

of health outcomes can be directly attributed to clinical care

80%

of health and well being is tied to social and economic factors, physical environment and health behaviors 15 year

life expectancy difference between the most advantaged and disadvantaged Americans

162,000

deaths annually due to low social support

85%

of physicians report that unmet social needs lead to poorer health outcomes

20%

of physicians are confident in their ability to address unmet social needs

Sources: Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Kaiser Family Foundation, New England Journal of Medicine, American College of Physicians

Improving the System by Addressing Social Determinants

The Advisory Board: Socioeconomic factors are far stronger determinants of health outcomes than medical care, and addressing Social Determinates of Health has been shown to be effective in improving outcomes.1



Figure 2 - Three Goals of Population Health Management Leaders²

Barriers to Care

Missed appointments or rescheduling needs due to transportation problems

Annual per-person health care savings as a result of offering housing and supportive services to high-cost homeless individuals

Increased likelihood of a Medicaid-enrolled child visiting an ED more than once in a year if living in un-renovated public housing

Source: Silver D, et al, "Transportation to clinic," Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health, 14. no. 2 (2012), 350-355; Kersten EE, et al., "San Francisco Children Living in Redeveloped Public Housing Used Acute Services Less than Children in Older Public Housing, Health Affairs, 33, no. 12 (2014), 2230-2237; Corporation for Supportive Housing, "FAQ's About Supportive Housing Research, http://www.csh.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/11/Cost-Effectiveness-FAQ.pdf; Population Health Advisor research and analysis.

Creating a Consistent Infrastructure

Where We Started

- Began SDOH collection with 18 existing ICD-10 Z codes
- Developed standardized data collection model and added placeholder codes
- Leveraged the PRAPARE tool in data collection expansion (National Association of Community Health Centers-NACHC endorsed)
- Creates industry model that can be used consistently across payers and providers



Enabling Whole Person Diagnosis through Social Determinants

The Advisory Board:

Typical risk stratification



Intervene: Medium Priority

It is unlikely Jess will be identified for intervention until a likely unnecessary ED or inpatient event occurs.



Risk stratification inclusive of SDoH



After SDoH is added to risk stratification model, Jess is identified as a High Priority for intervention.

¹Advisory Board interviews and analysis. "Social Determinates of Health Data, Educational Briefing for Non-IT Executives" 2Deloitte Insights "Social determinants of health and Medicaid payments" By Jim Jones. Sima Muller

Our Recommendation

The What

 Expand existing code categories to capture, analyze, and act on SDOH data

The Why

 Social Determinant data provides a more complete, holistic picture of a patient's health and potential risk factors



- ICD-10-CM codes are the standard language between care providers and payers
- Building on existing ICD-10 Social Determinant codes significantly expands a
 physician's ability to capture information relevant to a patient's overall condition,
 improves the ability for comprehensive diagnosis, and promote more coordinated
 services and care

The How

 Create new ICD-10-CM attribution codes that better capture the need for social-related services

Sample: High Volume SDoH Codes and Referrals

Current Code	Code Description	Requested ICD-10 Code	Sample Referral Agencies
ZTRAN1	Unable to get or pay for transportation for Medical Appointments or Prescriptions		 Birmingham-Jefferson County Transit Authority, Birmingham, AL Neighborly Care Network, Clearwater, FL Paratransit Operations, Miami, FL
ZCARE	Unable to pay for medical care	Z59.63	 American Lung Association Walgreen Co. Hadley Vision Center

Data Use and Capture: Integration with Provider Workflows

Will these codes be used? Yes

- Providers already utilize existing ICD-10 Z codes. As represented by UnitedHealthcare, which has received more than 5 million claims for social barriers using existing ICD-10 Z codes, demonstrating providers do submit codes when available
- Much of this data exists in a physician's electronic medical records as a result of health risk assessments, but without additional ICD-10-CM codes, cannot be coded or captured
- These proposed codes are not payer-specific and would integrate into ICD-10-CM standard language between care providers and payers

? Your Questions







Thank you





