

State Innovation Model

Suggested 2018 Social Determinants of Health Screening Tool

Domain	Question	Response	
Healthcare	In the past month, did poor health keep you from doing your usual activities, like work, school or a hobby?	Yes	No
	In the past year, was there a time when you needed to see a doctor but could not because it cost too much?	Yes	No
Food	In the past year, did you ever eat less than you needed to because there was not enough food?	Yes	No
Employment & Income	Is it hard to find work or another source of income to meet your basic needs?	Yes	No
Housing & Shelter	Are you worried that in the next few months, you may not have housing?	Yes	No
Utilities	In the past year, have you had a hard time paying your utility company bills?	Yes	No
Family Care	Do you need help finding or paying for care for loved ones? For example, child care or day care for an older adult.	Yes	No
Education	Do you want help with school or job training, like finishing a GED, going to college, or learning a trade?	Yes	No
Transportation	Do you ever have trouble getting to school, work, or the store because you don't have a way to get there?	Yes	No
Personal and Environmental Safety	Do you ever feel unsafe in your home or neighborhood?	Yes	No
General	If you answered yes, would you like to receive assistance with any of these needs?	Yes	No
	Are any of your needs urgent?	Yes	No

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Question Intent by Domain

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<i>Healthcare</i>	Assess patient/client perception of their physical and/or mental health and potential impact on overall wellbeing and independence.
	Assess healthcare access related to cost, or more broadly, economic stability.
<i>Food</i>	Assess food insecurity, access and affordability.
<i>Employment & Income</i>	Assess potential joblessness, and income instability.
<i>Housing & Shelter</i>	Assess potential risk of homelessness, and housing instability.
<i>Utilities</i>	Assess risk, not whether there has been a shut off notice or had services shut off, but as a proxy of economic stability. This question intentionally focuses more broadly than service shut off (i.e. includes notices).
<i>Family Care</i>	Assess whether dependent care may be a barrier to (patient, client, beneficiary) taking care of themselves; assess the potential need for respite care and/or any patient concerns around current family care arrangements.
<i>Education</i>	Assess patient/client education level, ability for economic independence/stability and potential activation.
<i>Transportation</i>	Assess if transportation, or lack of transportation, is a limiting factor in daily life (i.e. goes beyond medical transportation).
<i>Personal and Environmental Safety</i>	Assess potential concerns of personal safety in a broad enough sense to capture potential for subsequent domestic violence screening.
<i>General</i>	Identify if any of the needs the patient, client, beneficiary indicated above are already being addressed or not, and whether the patient, client, beneficiary is open to assistance activation.
	Assess severity of identified needs.

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