

Social Needs Screening and Intervention (SNS-E): Housing



Social determinants of health significantly impact patient outcomes, and identifying and addressing unmet social needs can reduce hospitalizations, improve treatment adherence, and enhance overall patient well-being. This is why Social Needs Screening and Education (SNS-E) is important. For the Exchange product line, the measurement period runs from January 1 to December 31, focusing on patients 17 to 65 years. To implement SNS-E effectively, providers should integrate screening questions into routine patient assessments, use various screening tools for comprehensive evaluations, document findings in the patient's medical record, and provide referrals to appropriate community resources. Additionally, providers are responsible for educating staff on the importance of SNS-E, ensuring screenings are conducted annually or as needed, and collaborating with social workers and case managers for intervention follow-ups.

Eligible screening instruments with thresholds for positive findings include:

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: What is your living situation today?	LA31994-9: I have a place to live today, but I am worried about losing it in the future LA31995-6: I do not have a steady place to live (I am temporarily staying with others, in a hotel, in a shelter, living outside on the street, on a beach, in a car, abandoned building, bus or train station, or in a park)
American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) Social Needs Screening Tool	99550-6: Are you worried or concerned that in the next two months you may not have stable housing that you own, rent, or stay in as part of a household?	LA33-6: Yes
American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) Social Needs Screening Tool — short form	71802-3: What is your living situation today?	LA31994-9: I have a place to live today, but I am worried about losing it in the future LA31995-6: I do not have a steady place to live (I am temporarily staying with others, in a hotel, in a shelter, living outside on the street, on a beach, in a car, abandoned building, bus or train station, or in a park)
Children's Health Watch Housing Stability Vital Signs™	98976-4: In the past 12 months, was there a time when you were not able to pay the mortgage or rent on time?	LA33-6 Yes
	98977-2: In the past 12 months, how many times have you moved where you were living?	≥3
	98978-0: At any time in the past 12 months, were you homeless or living in shelter [including now]?	LA33-6: Yes
Health Leads Screening Panel®	99550-6: Are you worried that in the next two months, you may not have stable housing?	LA33-6: Yes
Protocol for Responding to and Assessing Patients' Assets, Risks and Experiences [PRAPARE]®	93033-9 Are you worried about losing your housing?	LA33-6: Yes
	71802-3: What is your living situation today?	LA30190-5: I do not have housing (staying with others, in a hotel, in a shelter, living outside on the street, on a beach, in a car, or in a park)

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We Care Survey	96441-1: Do you think you are at risk of becoming homeless	LA33-6: Yes
WellRx Questionnaire	93669-0: Are you homeless or worried that you might be in the future?	LA33-6: Yes
Accountable Health Communities (AHC) Health-Related Social Needs (HRSN) Screening Tool	96778-6: Think about the place you live. Do you have problems with any of the following?	LA31996-4: Pests such as bugs, ants, or mice LA28580-1: Mold LA31997-2: Lead paint or pipes LA31998-0: Lack of heat LA31999-8: Oven or stove not working LA32000-4: Smoke detectors missing or not working LA32001-2: Water leaks
American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) Social Needs Screening Tool	96778-6: Think about the place you live. Do you have problems with any of the following?	LA32691-0: Bug infestation LA28580-1: Mold LA32693-6: Lead paint/pipes LA32694-4: Inadequate heat LA32695-1: Non-functioning oven/stove LA32696-9: No or non-working smoke detectors LA32001-2: Water leaks
American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) Social Needs Screening Tool — short form	96778-6: Think about the place you live. Do you have problems with any of the following?	LA31996-4: Pests such as bugs, ants, or mice LA28580-1: Mold LA31997-2: Lead paint or pipes LA31998-0: Lack of heat LA31999-8: Oven or stove not working LA32000-4: Smoke detectors missing or not working LA32001-2: Water leaks
Norwalk Community Health Center Screening Tool [NCHC]	99134-9: Is your health or families' health affected by conditions at home?	LA33-6: Yes
	99135-6: Check all conditions that exist in the patient's home:	LA31996-4: Pests such as bugs, ants, or mice LA28580-1: Mold LA31997-2: Lead paint or pipes LA31998-0: Lack of heat LA31999-8: Oven or stove not working LA32000-4: Smoke detectors missing or not working LA32001-2: Water leaks

Note: The SNS-E screening numerator counts only screenings that use instruments in the measure specification as identified by the associated LOINC code(s). Allowed screening instruments and LOINC codes for each social need domain are listed above.

*Transportation Intervention Coding for Positive Finding:

Intervention Category	CPT Code		
Homelessness, Housing Instability, Inadequate Housing Procedures	96161	96160	96156

Note: Every member should undergo a screening, and any positive findings should be followed by an appropriate intervention.

The information listed here is not all-inclusive and should be used as a reference only. Please refer to current ICD-10/CPT®/HCPCS coding and documentation guidelines found at www.cms.gov. HEDIS® measures can be found at www.ncqa.org.