

# Social Determinants of Health (SDOH)

Improving Patient Outcomes by Identifying and Addressing Social Needs



**Social determinants influence health in very direct ways. A patient's housing, food, and safety needs can create barriers blocking quality care and can contribute to poor health.**

WellCare wants to partner with you to address social determinants of health. Together, we can identify and address social barriers and improve the health of our members.



## How can these needs be identified?

You should include supplemental codes in the patient's diagnosis section on a claim form. Reporting SDOH codes allow physicians, hospitals, health systems, and payers to better track patient needs and identify solutions to improve health outcomes.



## How can WellCare help?

WellCare can connect your patients to community resources that help meet their social needs. Our toll-free Care Management referral number is **1-833-298-4301** (TTY: **711**). We are here for you Monday–Saturday from 7 a.m.–6 p.m. Eastern Time.

Our toll-free Community Connections Help Line is **1-866-775-2192** where members can seek help with:

- ✓ Housing or living conditions
- ✓ Food assistance
- ✓ Transportation issues
- ✓ Unsafe situations or domestic violence
- ✓ Financial assistance (utilities, rent)
- ✓ Affordable childcare
- ✓ Job/education assistance
- ✓ Family supplies – diapers, formula, cribs, and more

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## How can you help WellCare assist your patients?

- ✓ Provide them with referrals to address the identified social need and WellCare's Community Help Line number.
- ✓ Include ICD-10 Z codes on your claim (*included here as a reference for you*).

Description	Codes
Occupational exposure to risk factors	<b>ICD-10:</b> Z57.0–Z57.9
Problems related to education and literacy	<b>ICD-10:</b> Z55.0–Z55.9
Problems related to employment and unemployment	<b>ICD-10:</b> Z56.0–Z56.9
Problems related to physical environment	<b>ICD-10:</b> Z58.0–Z58.9
Problems related to housing and economic circumstances	<b>ICD-10:</b> Z59.0–Z59.9
Problems related to social environment	<b>ICD-10:</b> Z60.0–Z60.9
Problems related to upbringing	<b>ICD-10:</b> Z62.0–Z62.9
Problems related to primary support group, including family circumstances	<b>ICD-10:</b> Z63.0–Z63.9
Problems related to certain psycho-social circumstances	<b>ICD-10:</b> Z64.0–Z64.4
Problems related to other psycho-social circumstances	<b>ICD-10:</b> Z65.0–Z65.9
Problems related to substance use	<b>ICD-10:</b> Z71.41, Z71.42, Z71.51, Z71.52
Problems related to sleep/sleep hygiene	<b>ICD-10:</b> Z72.820, Z72.821
Other risk factors	<b>ICD-10:</b> Z91.89
Patient/Caregiver non-compliance with dietary regimen or medical treatment due to financial hardship	<b>ICD-10:</b> Z911.10, Z911.90, Z91A.10, Z91A.20
Transportation Insecurity Procedures	<b>CPT:</b> 96156
CPT/HCPCS screening codes applicable to SDOH	<b>CPT:</b> 96156–96161, 97802–97804, 99377–99378, <b>HCPCS:</b> S5170, S9470, G0182, G9473–G9479, Q5003–Q5008, Q5010, S9126, T2042–T2046

**Best Practices:** Include supplemental codes in the patient's diagnosis section on a claim form. Assign as many SDOH codes necessary to describe all of the social problems, conditions, or risk factors documented during the current episode of care.



**Our collaborative efforts can help reduce SDOH barriers.  
We're here to help, and we continue to support our providers.**

Please contact your Quality Practice Advisor or Provider Relations Representative if you have questions or need assistance.