# Practical Framework for Clinicians to Address Health Equity and Social Vulnerability.

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## Objectives

- Gain familiarity with the terms health equity/social determinants of health.
- Explore CMS Framework for Health Equity.
- Explore strategies to aid in the integration of social care to address social determinants of health.
- Obtain knowledge about practical tools that can be used to screen for social care needs.
- Obtain knowledge about resources that can be used to promote health system change



#### Social Determinants of Health



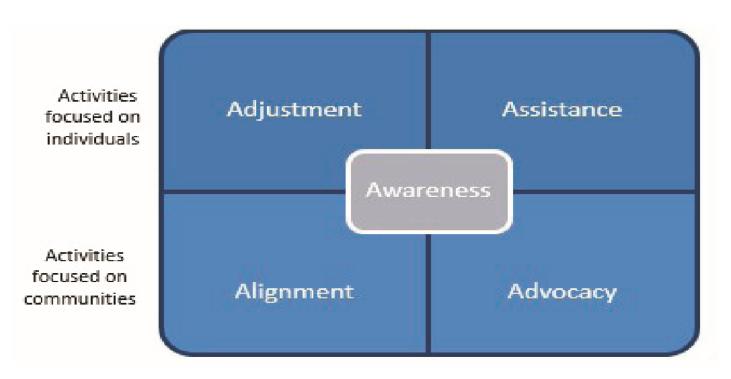


## CMS Framework for Health Equity

https://www.cms.gov/files/document/cms-framework-health-equity.pdf



## NASEM: Categories of Activities



Integrating Social Care Into the Delivery of Healthcare (2019) National Academies Press, p. 34.



# NASEM: Strategies for Initiating Social Care Integration

Phase	Potential Challenges	Strategies to Address These Challenges
InitiatingSocialCare Integration	Leadership support	Obtain formal commitment from leaders
	Provider and staff buy-in	Identify and prepare champions
	Organizational culture	Engage staff in planning
	Logistics	Develop clear protocols
	Goals	Assess local needs and resources, identify barriers
	Strategy	Develop a formal implementation plan
	Structure	Revise professional roles and workflows
	Infrastructure	Adapt payments structures, technology, staffing, or partnerships

Integrating Social Care in the Delivery of Health Care (2019). National Academies Press, p. 140



# Tools for Screening and Assessing

- WellRx Questionnaire 11 item; yes/no responses
- PRAPARE 17 items with 4 additional questions that are optional; forced choice responses with a prefer not to answer option
- CMS Accountable Health Communities (ACH) Health Related Social Needs (HRSN) Screening Tool – 10 core items with 16 additional supplemental questions; forced choice response.
- Your Current Life Situation (Short Form) 9 items with 16 additional items that could be in the item bank; forced choice response.



# Quality Improvement Models and Resources

- CAHPS Consumer Assessment of Health Care Providers and Systems
- Plan Do Study Act Cycle Planning (PDSA)



 U.S. Preventative Services Task Force Methods for Screening Social Determinants of Health



#### Resources

Social Determinants of Health/ Health Equity General Resources:

https://www.cdc.gov/publichealthgateway/sdoh/index.html#print

https://www.nationalacademies.org/our-work/integrating-social-needs-care-into-the-delivery-of-health-care-to-improve-the-nations-health

https://nap.nationalacademies.org/catalog/25663/social-isolation-and-loneliness-in-older-adults-opportunities-for-the



#### Resources

#### Screening Tools:

https://sirenetwork.ucsf.edu/tools-resources/resources/your-current-life-situation-survey

https://forms.loinc.org/93667-4

https://www.acpjournals.org/doi/full/10.7326/M20-0730?journalCode=aim

https://innovation.cms.gov/files/worksheets/ahcm-screeningtool.pdf

https://nursing.utexas.edu/sites/default/files/AMEN Health Leads Social Needs Scr eening Toolkit.pdf

https://healthleadsusa.org/communications-center/resources/the-health-leadsscreening-toolkit/

hops19-physician-form-sdoh (2).pdf



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#### Quality Improvement Tools:

https://www.ahrq.gov/evidencenow/tools/pdsa-worksheet.html

https://www.acpjournals.org/doi/full/10.7326/M20-0730?journalCode=aim

https://www.ahrq.gov/sdoh/practice-improvement.html

https://www.ahrq.gov/cahps/quality-improvement/improvement-

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