

# Social Need Screening and Intervention (SNS-E)



## Measure Description

The Social Need Screening and Intervention (SNS-E) measure evaluates the percentage of members screened for unmet needs in food, housing and transportation that received a corresponding intervention within 30 days of a positive screening. Screening and interventions must occur between Jan. 1 and Dec. 31 of the measurement year to meet the measure criteria.



## What Do You Need to Do?

Step	Provider Action	Real-Life Example
<b>Screen</b>	Conduct screenings using approved tools to assess food, housing, and transportation needs.	Use the <b>Hunger Vital Sign™</b> tool to screen a member for food insecurity during a routine check-up.
<b>Document</b>	Ensure screenings and interventions are recorded using proper codes for accurate reporting.	Record a positive food insecurity screening using LOINC Code <b>88122-7</b> in the EHR system.
<b>Act</b>	Provide timely interventions to address identified needs within 30 days of a positive screening.	Refer a member experiencing transportation insecurity to a local non-emergency transportation service.
<b>Follow-Up</b>	Track outcomes to ensure members receive adequate support and their needs are addressed.	Contact a member two weeks after a housing intervention to confirm they received the necessary resources.

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## Example Codes for These Services Include:

Included below are screenings and interventions codes to utilize.

- ✓ **Food Insecurity Instruments: LOINC Codes:** 88122-7, 88123-5, 95264-8
- ✓ **Housing Instability Instruments: LOINC Codes:** 71802-3, 99550-6, 93669-0
- ✓ **Transportation Insecurity Instruments: LOINC Codes:** 93030-5, 99594-4, 101351-5

### Interventions:

- ✓ **Food Insecurity Procedures**  
**SNOMED:**
  - Education about Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (procedure) 464361000124107
  - Referral to food pantry program (procedure) 464031000124101
  - Assistance with application for State Funded Food Assistance Program (procedure) 662151000124104
- ✓ **Housing Instability, Inadequate Housing, and Homelessness Procedures**  
**SNOMED:**
  - Assessment for housing insecurity (procedure) 1148447008
  - Coordination of resources to address housing instability (procedure) 1162437009
  - Education about subsidized housing program (procedure) 470501000124102
- ✓ **Transportation Insecurity Procedures**  
**SNOMED:**
  - Transportation insecurity (procedure) 651031000124106
  - Referral to Non-Emergency Medical Transportation program (procedure) 551371000124104
  - Coordination of resources to address Transportation insecurity (procedure) 651031000124106



## Measures

Screening	Intervention – Required within 30 days of a positive screening
<b>Food Screening:</b> Percentage of members screened for food insecurity.	<b>Food Intervention:</b> Percentage of members who received a food insecurity intervention.
<b>Housing Screening:</b> Percentage of members screened for housing instability, homelessness, or housing inadequacy.	<b>Housing Intervention:</b> Percentage of members who received a housing intervention.
<b>Transportation Screening:</b> Percentage of members screened for transportation insecurity.	<b>Transportation Intervention:</b> Percentage of members who received a transportation intervention.

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## Key Tips

- ✓ **Engage Early:** Incorporate Social Determinants of Health (SDoH) screenings into all routine encounters to ensure timely identification of unmet needs.
- ✓ **Leverage Approved Tools:** Use validated instruments such as the Hunger Vital Sign™ or Accountable Health Communities Health Related Social Needs Screening Tool (AHC HRSN) and ensure all results are documented with appropriate LOINC codes.
- ✓ **Focus on Timeliness:** Complete interventions within 30 days of a positive screening to ensure compliance with the measure.
- ✓ **Collaborate Across Teams:** Partner with inpatient teams, care coordinators and community organizations to streamline interventions for food, housing and transportation needs.
- ✓ **Simplify Member Access:** Provide members with clear instructions for accessing resources, such as transportation services, food banks or housing assistance.
- ✓ **Flexible Screening and Intervention Options:** Screenings and interventions can be conducted over the phone, virtually (i.e. telehealth), or in person, that are properly documented using the appropriate LOINC codes. Tailor the approach to meet members' needs and reduce barriers such as transportation or mobility challenges.



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