

Coding Reference Guide Measurement Year 2025

Social Need Screening and Intervention (SNS-E)



Measure Description

The percentage of Members who were screened, using pre-specified instruments, at least once during 2025 for unmet food, housing, and transportation needs, and received a corresponding intervention if they screened positive.

Food

- Food Screening – The percentage of Members who were screened for food insecurity performed between January 1, 2025 and December 1, 2025
- Food Intervention – The percentage of Members who received a corresponding intervention within 30 days (1 month) of screening positive for food insecurity

Housing

- Housing Screening – Members who were screened for housing instability, homelessness, or housing inadequacy performed between January 1, 2025 and December 1, 2025
- Housing Intervention – Members who received a corresponding intervention within 30 days (1 month) of screening positive for housing instability, homelessness, or housing inadequacy

Transportation

- Transportation Screening – Members who were screened for transportation insecurity performed between January 1, 2025 and December 1, 2025
- Transportation Intervention – Members who received a corresponding intervention within 30 days (1 month) of screening positive for transportation insecurity

Definitions

Participation Period: January 1, 2025–December 31, 2025.

Food Insecurity: Uncertain, limited, or unstable access to food that is adequate in quantity and in nutritional quality; culturally acceptable; safe; and acquired in socially acceptable ways.

Housing Instability: Currently consistently housed but experiencing any of the following circumstances in the past 365 days: being behind on rent or mortgage, multiple moves, cost burden or risk of eviction.

Homelessness: Currently living in an environment that is not meant for permanent human habitation (ex. car, park, sidewalk, abandoned building, on the street); not having a consistent place to sleep at night; or because of economic difficulties, currently living in a shelter, motel, temporary, or transitional living situation.

Housing Inadequacy: Housing does not meet habitability standards.

Transportation Insecurity: Uncertain, limited, or no access to safe, reliable, accessible, affordable, and socially acceptable transportation infrastructure and modalities necessary for maintaining one's health, well-being, or livelihood.

Food Insecurity Instruments

Eligible screening instruments with thresholds for positive findings include:

Food Insecurity Instruments	Screening Item LOINC Codes	Positive Finding LOINC Codes
Accountable Health Communities (AHC) Health-Related Social Needs (HRSN) Screening Tool	88122-7	LA28397-0, LA6729-3
	88123-5	LA28397-0, LA6729-3
American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) Social Needs Screening Tool	88122-7	LA28397-0, LA6729-3
	88123-5	LA28397-0, LA6729-3
AAFP Social Needs Screening Tool - Short Form	88122-7	LA28397-0, LA6729-3
	88123-5	LA28397-0, LA6729-3
Health Leads Screening Panel ¹	95251-5	LA33-6
Hunger Vital Sign ¹ (HVS)	88124-3	LA19952-3
Protocol for Responding to and Assessing Patients' Assets, Risks and Experiences (PRAPARE) ¹	93031-3	LA30125-1
Safe Environment for Every Kid (SEEK) ¹	95400-8	LA33-6
	95399-2	LA33-6
U.S. Household Food Security Survey (U.S. FSS)	95264-8	LA30985-8, LA30986-6
U.S. Adult Food Security Survey (U.S. FSS)	95264-8	LA30985-8, LA30986-6
U.S. Child Food Security Survey (U.S. FSS)	95264-8	LA30985-8, LA30986-6
U.S. Household Food Security Survey, Six - Item Short Form (U.S. FSS)	95264-8	LA30985-8, LA30986-6
We Care Survey	96434-6	LA32-8
WellRx Questionnaire	93668-2	LA33-6

¹Proprietary; there may be a cost or licensing requirement associated with use.

Housing Instability, Homelessness, and Housing Inadequacy Screening Instruments

Eligible screening instruments with thresholds for positive findings include:

Housing Instability and Homelessness Instruments	Screening Item LOINC Codes	Positive Finding LOINC Codes
AHC HRSN Screening Tool	71802-3	LA31994-9 LA31995-6
AAFP Social Needs Screening Tool	99550-6	LA33-6
AAFP Social Needs Screening Tool - Short Form	71802-3	LA31994-9 LA31995-6
Children's Health Watch Housing Stability Vital Signs™ ¹	98976-4	LA33-6
	98977-2	≥3
	98978-0	LA33-6
Health Leads Screening Panel® ¹	99550-6	LA33-6
Protocol for Responding to and Assessing Patients' Assets, Risks and Experiences (PRAPARE)® ¹	93033-9	LA33-6
	71802-3	LA30190-5
We Care Survey	96441-1	LA33-6
WellRx Questionnaire	93669-0	LA33-6

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Housing Inadequacy Instruments	Screening Item LOINC Codes	Positive Finding LOINC Codes
Accountable Health Communities (AHC) Health-Related Social Needs (HRSN) Screening Tool	96778-6	LA31996-4, LA28580-1, LA31997-2, LA31998-0, LA31999-8, LA32000-4, LA32001-2
American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) Social Needs Screening Tool	96778-6	LA32691-0, LA28580-1, LA32693-6, LA32694-4, LA32695-1, LA32696-9, LA32001-2
AAFP Social Needs Screening Tool - Short Form	96778-6	LA31996-4, LA28580-1, LA31997-2, LA31998-0, LA31999-8, LA32000-4, LA32001-2
Norwalk Community Health Center (NCHC)	99134-9	LA33-6
	99135-6	LA31996-4, LA28580-1, LA31997-2, LA31998-0, LA31999-8, LA32000-4, LA32001-2

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Transportation Insecurity Instruments

Eligible screening instruments with thresholds for positive findings include:

Transportation Insecurity Instruments	Screening Item LOINC Codes	Positive Finding LOINC Codes
Accountable Health Communities (AHC) HRSN Screening Tool	93030-5	LA33-6
AAFP Social Needs Screening Tool	99594-4	LA33-6
AAFP Social Needs Screening Tool - Short Form	99594-4	LA33093-8 LA30134-3
Comprehensive Universal Behavior Screen (CUBS)	89569-8	LA29232-8, LA29233-6, LA29234-4
Health Leads Screening Panel ¹	99553-0	LA33-6
Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility – Patient Assessment Instrument (IRF-PAI), version 4.0 (CMS Assessment)	101351-5	LA30133-5, LA30134-3
Outcome and Assessment Information Set (OASIS) Form, version E - Discharge from Agency (CMS Assessment)	101351-5	LA30133-5, LA30134-3
OASIS Form, version E - Resumption of Care (CMS Assessment)	101351-5	LA30133-5, LA30134-3
OASIS Form, version E - Start of Care (CMS Assessment)	101351-5	LA30133-5, LA30134-3
PRAPARE ¹	93030-5	LA30133-5, LA30134-3
PROMIS ¹	92358-1	LA30024-6, LA30026-1, LA30027-9
WellRx Questionnaire	93671-6	LA33-6

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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.

NCQA recognizes that organizations might need to adapt or modify instruments to meet the needs of their membership. To clarify:

- The SNS-E measure specification does not prohibit cultural adaptations or linguistic translations from being counted toward the measure's screening numerators
- Only screenings documented using the LOINC codes specified in the SNS-E measure count toward the measure's screening numerators
- The Regenstrief Institute, which maintains the LOINC database, has indicated that LOINC codes are not developed at the level of granularity that distinguishes between original and adapted or translated instruments
- Tool developers have varying policies regarding cultural adaptation and translations; some state that users may adapt screening instruments, others state that organizations must obtain permission first. NCQA urges organizations to refer to the tool developer for information about adaptations or translations that are available or allowed

Interventions

An intervention corresponding to the type of need identified on or up to 30 days after the date of the first positive screening during 2025.

- A positive food insecurity screen finding must be met by a food insecurity intervention
- A positive housing instability or homelessness screen finding must be met by a housing instability or homelessness intervention
- A positive housing inadequacy screen finding must be met by a housing inadequacy intervention
- A positive transportation insecurity screen finding must be met by a transportation insecurity intervention

Interventions may include any of the following categories:

- Assistance
- Assessment
- Counseling
- Coordination
- Education
- Evaluation of eligibility
- Provision or referral

Food Insecurity Interventions	CPT: 96156, 96160, 96161, 97802, 97803, 97804
	HCPCS: S5170, S9470
	SNOMED: 1759002, 61310001, 103699006, 308440001, 385767005, 710824005, 710925007, 711069006, 713109004, 1002223009, 1002224003, 1002225002, 1004109000, 1004110005, 1148446004, 1162436000, 1230338004, 1268662008, 1268726004, 1268727008, 1269404007, 441041000124100, 441201000124108, 441231000124100, 441241000124105, 441251000124107, 441261000124109, 441271000124102, 441281000124104, 441291000124101, 441301000124100, 441311000124102, 441321000124105, 441331000124108, 441341000124103, 441351000124101, 445291000124103, 445301000124102, 445641000124105, 461481000124109, 462481000124102, 462491000124104, 464001000124109, 464011000124107, 464021000124104, 464031000124101, 464041000124106, 464051000124108, 464061000124105, 464071000124103, 464081000124100, 464091000124102, 464101000124108, 464111000124106, 464121000124103, 464131000124100, 464141000124105, 464151000124107, 464161000124109, 464171000124102, 464181000124104, 464191000124101, 464201000124103, 464211000124100, 464221000124108, 464231000124106, 464241000124101, 464251000124104, 464261000124102, 464271000124109, 464281000124107, 464291000124105, 464301000124106, 464311000124109, 464321000124101, 464331000124103, 464341000124108, 464351000124105, 464361000124107, 464371000124100, 464381000124102, 464401000124102, 464411000124104, 464421000124107, 464431000124105, 464611000124102, 464621000124105, 464631000124108, 464641000124103, 464651000124101, 464661000124104, 464671000124106, 464681000124109, 464691000124107, 464701000124107, 464721000124102, 467591000124102, 467601000124105, 467611000124108, 467621000124100, 467631000124102, 467641000124107, 467651000124109, 467661000124106, 467671000124104, 467681000124101, 467691000124103, 467711000124100, 467721000124108, 467731000124106, 467741000124101, 467751000124104, 467761000124102, 467771000124109, 467781000124107, 467791000124105, 467801000124106, 467811000124109, 467821000124101, 468401000124109, 470231000124107, 470241000124102, 470261000124103, 470281000124108, 470291000124106, 470301000124107, 470311000124105, 470321000124102, 470591000124109, 470601000124101, 470611000124103, 471111000124101, 471121000124109, 471131000124107, 472151000124109, 472331000124100, 551101000124107, 661101000124109, 661181000124100, 662151000124104, 662651000124105, 663081000124100, 663211000124100

<p>Housing Instability Interventions</p>	<p>CPT: 96156, 96160, 96161</p> <p>SNOMED: 308440001, 710824005, 711069006, 1148446004, 1148447008, 1148812007, 1148814008, 1148817001, 1148818006, 1156869006, 1162436000, 1162437009, 1230338004, 1268662008, 1268726004, 1268727008, 1269404007, 461481000124109, 462481000124102, 462491000124104, 464001000124109, 464011000124107, 464021000124104, 464131000124100, 464161000124109, 464291000124105, 464301000124106, 464311000124109, 464611000124102, 470231000124107, 470471000124109, 470481000124107, 470491000124105, 470501000124102, 470591000124109, 470601000124101, 470611000124103, 471041000124101, 471051000124104, 471061000124102, 471071000124109, 471111000124101, 471121000124109, 471131000124107, 472021000124101, 472041000124108, 472081000124102, 472091000124104, 472131000124102, 472151000124109, 472161000124106, 472191000124103, 472221000124105, 472241000124103, 472261000124104, 472271000124106, 472281000124109, 472291000124107, 472331000124100, 472381000124104, 480841000124109, 480851000124106, 480861000124108, 480901000124101, 551091000124101, 551101000124107, 581041000124102, 661181000124100, 663211000124100</p>
<p>Homelessness Interventions</p>	<p>CPT: 96156, 96160, 96161</p> <p>SNOMED: 308440001, 710824005, 711069006, 1148446004, 1148447008, 1148812007, 1148814008, 1148817001, 1148818006, 1162436000, 1162437009, 1230338004, 1268662008, 1268726004, 1268727008, 1269404007, 461481000124109, 462481000124102, 462491000124104, 464001000124109, 464011000124107, 464021000124104, 464131000124100, 464161000124109, 464291000124105, 464301000124106, 464311000124109, 464611000124102, 470231000124107, 470471000124109, 470481000124107, 470491000124105, 470501000124102, 470581000124106, 470591000124109, 470601000124101, 470611000124103, 470781000124104, 470791000124101, 470801000124100, 470811000124102, 470821000124105, 470831000124108, 470841000124103, 471021000124108, 471031000124106, 471041000124101, 471071000124109, 471081000124107, 471091000124105, 471101000124104, 471111000124101, 471121000124109, 471131000124107, 472031000124103, 472041000124108, 472051000124105, 472081000124102, 472091000124104, 472101000124105, 472111000124108, 472121000124100, 472131000124102, 472141000124107, 472151000124109, 472161000124106, 472191000124103, 472221000124105, 472241000124103, 472261000124104, 472301000124108, 472311000124106, 472321000124103, 472331000124100, 472341000124105, 472351000124107, 472361000124109, 480791000124106, 480801000124107, 480811000124105, 480821000124102, 480831000124104, 480871000124101, 480901000124101, 480921000124106, 480931000124109, 480941000124104, 480961000124100, 480971000124107, 480981000124105, 551101000124107, 661181000124100, 663211000124100</p>

<p>Housing Inadequacy Interventions</p>	<p>CPT: 96156, 96160, 96161</p> <p>SNOMED: 49919000, 308440001, 710824005, 711069006, 1148446004, 1148813002, 1148815009, 1148823006, 1162436000, 1230338004, 1268662008, 1268686005, 1268726004, 1268727008, 1269404007, 461481000124109, 462481000124102, 462491000124104, 464001000124109, 464011000124107, 464021000124104, 464131000124100, 464161000124109, 464291000124105, 464301000124106, 464311000124109, 464611000124102, 470231000124107, 470431000124106, 470441000124101, 470451000124104, 470461000124102, 470591000124109, 470601000124101, 470611000124103, 4711111000124101, 471121000124109, 471131000124107, 472151000124109, 472201000124100, 472211000124102, 472231000124108, 472251000124101, 472331000124100, 472371000124102, 480881000124103, 480891000124100, 480911000124103, 480951000124102, 551041000124105, 551051000124107, 551061000124109, 551071000124102, 551081000124104, 551101000124107, 661181000124100, 663211000124100</p>
<p>Transportation Insecurity Intervention</p>	<p>CPT: 96156, 96160, 96161</p> <p>SNOMED: 228615008, 308440001, 710824005, 711069006, 716730006, 716732003, 716733008, 1148446004, 1162436000, 1230338004, 1268662008, 1268726004, 1268727008, 1269404007, 461481000124109, 462481000124102, 462491000124104, 464001000124109, 464011000124107, 464021000124104, 464131000124100, 464161000124109, 464291000124105, 464301000124106, 464311000124109, 464611000124102, 470231000124107, 470591000124109, 470601000124101, 470611000124103, 4711111000124101, 471121000124109, 471131000124107, 472151000124109, 472331000124100, 551101000124107, 5511111000124105, 551121000124102, 551141000124109, 551161000124108, 551191000124100, 551231000124105, 551251000124103, 551261000124101, 551271000124108, 551281000124106, 551291000124109, 551301000124105, 551311000124108, 551321000124100, 551331000124102, 551341000124107, 551351000124109, 551361000124106, 551371000124104, 551381000124101, 551391000124103, 551401000124101, 551411000124103, 551421000124106, 551431000124109, 610961000124100, 610971000124107, 610981000124105, 610991000124108, 611001000124109, 611011000124107, 611021000124104, 611031000124101, 611041000124106, 611051000124108, 611061000124105, 611071000124103, 611081000124100, 611091000124102, 611101000124108, 611111000124106, 611121000124103, 611281000124107, 611291000124105, 611301000124106, 611311000124109, 611321000124101, 611331000124103, 611341000124108, 611351000124105, 611361000124107, 611371000124100, 611381000124102, 611391000124104, 611401000124102, 611411000124104, 611421000124107, 611431000124105, 611441000124100, 611451000124103, 651011000124100, 651031000124106, 661181000124100, 662351000124101, 663211000124100</p>

The following will exclude Members from this measure:	
Members who use hospice services or elect to use a hospice benefit any time during 2025.	
Hospice Encounter During 2025	HCPCS: G9473, G9474, G9475, G9476, G9477, G9478, G9479, Q5003, Q5004, Q5005, Q5006, Q5007, Q5008, Q5010, S9126, T2042, T2043, T2044, T2045, T2046
	SNOMED: 183919006, 183920000, 183921001, 305336008, 305911006, 385765002
	UBREV: 0115, 0125, 0135, 0145, 0155, 0235, 0650, 0651, 0652, 0655, 0656, 0657, 0658, 0659
Hospice Intervention During 2025	CPT: 99377, 99378
	HCPCS: G0182
	SNOMED: 170935008, 170936009, 385763009
Medicare Members 66 years of age and older by December 31, 2025 who meet either criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enrolled in an Institutional Special Needs Plan (I-SNP) any time during 2025 • Living long-term in an institution any time during 2025
Members who died any time during 2025	