Addressing Social Determinants of Health Can Improve Community Health & Reduce Costs

Social determinants influence 50% of health outcomes

- Economic Stability
- Education
- Social & Community Context
- Health & Health Care
- Housing
- Transportation
- Food Security

Health Behaviors 30%
Social Determinants of Health 50%
Clinical Care 20%

Our communities are reporting unmet social needs

Recent survey findings show the prevalence of unmet social needs that impact health care

- Food Environment 35%
- Community Safety 25%
- Housing 21%
- Social Support 17%
- Transportation 15%

Addressing determinants can improve health and reduce costs

- **FOOD INSECURITY**: 2.4x more likely to go to the emergency room
- **TRANSPORTATION NEEDS**: 2.6x more likely to go to the emergency room
- **COMMUNITY SAFETY NEEDS**: 3.2x more likely to go to the emergency room

Solutions are already underway to address some determinants

- **FOOD ENVIRONMENT**: school and summer food programs and farmer’s market access
- **HOUSING**: healthy home programs and rural housing services
- **TRANSPORTATION**: non-emergency medical transportation, including ride-share programs
- **EDUCATION**: early childhood education and Job Corps

Collaboration is the key to driving change

The health sector is incorporating social determinants into programs

- **MEDICARE REIMBURSEMENT FOR SOCIAL SERVICES**
- **ADDRESSING SOCIAL NEEDS IN PRIMARY CARE**