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BUILDING HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES:
From the Opioid Crisis to Social Determinants of Health

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Our communities are struggling

Life Expectancy in the US is Declining

Source: CDC, National Center for Health Statistics
Health is rooted in social determinants

Social Determinants influence half of health outcomes

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

Social determinants of health are the conditions in which people are born, grow, live, work and age.

- Economic Stability
- Education
- Food Security
- Community Safety
- Housing
- Social Support
- Transportation

Source: World Health Organization; RWJF, County Health Rankings Model
Our communities are reporting unmet social needs

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

Food insecurity and community safety are the most commonly reported unmet social needs

Source: McKinsey 2019 Consumer Social Determinants of Health Survey
Addressing determinants can improve health and reduce costs.

Source: McKinsey 2019 Consumer Social Determinants of Health Survey

Individuals who reported social needs also reported more emergency room visits.

Source: McKinsey 2019 Consumer Social Determinants of Health Survey
Collaboration is key to driving change

Source: Graphic adapted from "Action required: The urgency of addressing social determinants of health," A PwC Health Research Institute report
Transforming Health Care Through Evidence and Collaboration

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