



MONTHLY TIPS AND TRICKS: SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH CODES

DID YOU KNOW?

- As part of AHCCCS' efforts in developing a streamlined method of collecting and tracking member outcomes, the use of specific ICD-10 diagnosis codes representing Social Determinants of Health has been identified as a valuable source of information that impacts member health.
- The Social Determinants of Health codes identify the conditions in which people are born, grow, live, work, and age. They include factors like:
 - ♦ Education
 - ♦ Employment
 - ♦ Physical environment
 - ♦ Socioeconomic status
 - ♦ Social support networks
- **Beginning with dates of service on and after April 1, 2018, AHCCCS will begin to monitor claims for the presence of these codes.**

SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH CODES: PROVIDER REQUIREMENTS

As appropriate within their scope of practice, providers should be routinely screening for, and documenting, the presence of social determinants. Any identified social determinant diagnosis codes should be provided on all claims for AHCCCS members in order to comply with state and federal coding requirements.

COMMON CODES

There are twelve code categories comprising the Social Determinants of Health code set as currently defined by AHCCCS. These are:

- Z55: *Problems related to education and literacy***
- Z56: *Problems related to employment and unemployment***
- Z57: *Occupational exposure to risk factors***
- Z59: *Problems related to housing and economic circumstances***
- Z60: *Problems related to social environment***
- Z62: *Problems related to upbringing***
- Z63: *Other problems related to primary support group, including family circumstances***
- Z64: *Problems related to certain psychosocial circumstances***
- Z65: *Problems related to other psychosocial circumstances***
- Z71: *Persons encountering health services for other counseling and medical advice, not elsewhere classified***
- Z72: *Problems related to lifestyle***
- Z73: *Problems related to life management difficulty***

Examples:

Category Z59, *Problems related to housing and economic circumstances*:

Other examples:

Description:	ICD-10 Code:
Homelessness	Z59.0
Inadequate housing	Z59.1
Discord with neighbors, lodgers and landlord	Z59.2
Problems related to living in residential institution	Z59.3
Lack of adequate food and safe drinking water	Z59.4
Extreme poverty	Z59.5
Low income	Z59.6
Insufficient social insurance and welfare support	Z59.7
Other problems related to housing and economic circumstances	Z59.8

Description:	ICD-10 Code:
Illiteracy and low-level literacy	Z55.0
Unemployment, unspecified	Z56.0
Personal history of physical and sexual abuse in childhood	Z62.810
Problems in relationship with spouse or partner	Z63.0
Dependent relative needing care at home	Z63.6
Alcoholism and drug addiction in family	Z63.72
Imprisonment and other incarceration	Z65.1

Please note that Social Determinants of Health codes may be added or updated on a quarterly basis. Providers should remain current in their thorough utilization of these codes. This guide does not replace ICD-10-CM coding manuals, nor does it replace the training required by a certified medical coder. Any code submitted should be supported by the documentation. Coding guidelines should be referenced and the most specific code appropriate should be selected.