# Social Drivers of Health (SDOH) Coding Infographic

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| | LOINC | ICD-10-CM | SNOMED-CT | CPT | HCPCS Level II |
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| **WHAT** are these codes? | Logical Observation Identifiers Names and Codes<br><br>Also referred to as 'laboratory codes' | International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Revision, Clinical Modification<br><br>Also referred to as 'diagnosis codes' | SNOMED Clinical Terms | Current Procedural Terminology<br><br>Also referred to as 'procedure codes' | Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System Level II |
| **WHO** develops & maintains these codes? | Regenstrief Institute, a non-profit medical research organization associated with Indiana University<br><br>Free for use | CDC's National Center for Health Statistics under authorization by the World Health Organization<br><br>Free for use | SNOMED International, a not-for-profit organization<br><br>Free for use | American Medical Association (AMA)<br><br>Use of any CPT code requires an organizational or individual license from AMA | Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)<br><br>Free for use |
| **WHY** are these codes used? | Federally mandated terminology standard/coding system for capturing:<br><br>Health measurements and observations<br>• Vital signs, lab tests and results, questions and responses for validated screening and assessment tools (e.g., PRAPARE®, PHQ, etc.)<br><br>Document types<br>• Consult notes, discharge summaries, progress notes, procedures notes, etc. | Federally mandated terminology standard/coding system for capturing diseases, illnesses, injuries and health conditions | Federally mandated terminology standard/coding system for capturing all health-related concepts (e.g., clinical findings, diagnostic procedures, etc.),<br><br>Includes codes that represent concepts and relationships between concepts with more specificity | Federally mandated terminology standard/coding system for billing services provided or rendered to a patient | Federally mandated terminology standard/coding system for describing services, equipment and supplies used in various health care setting that are not part of the CPT code set.<br><br>Code Set Categories include:<br>• Services (i.e., Ambulance, Medical, Behavioral Health, Dental)<br>• Supplies<br>• Durable Medical Equipment (DME) (i.e., orthotics, prosthetics)<br>• Drugs |
| **HOW** are these codes used? | Facilitate the aggregation and exchange of health measurements, observations, and documents | Insurance claims submission and processing<br><br>Tracking public health conditions and assisting with population health management<br><br>Identifying care gaps<br><br>Clinical research | Allows the meaning of information recorded in clinical information systems (e.g., EHRs, etc.), health data & analytics platforms and interoperability solutions to be processed<br><br>SNOMED-CT, together with ICD-10-CM, is the accepted standard for SDOH Assessment, Goals, and Interventions in USCDIv3 and will be required for use before Jan 1, 2026, through the ONC's HTI-1 final rule. | Insurance claims submission and processing<br><br>Utilization review and comparison<br><br>Identifying care gaps (i.e., indicated by the lack of a CPT code)<br><br>Can be leveraged to establish clinical protocols and outreach processes | Insurance claims submission and processing by Medicare, Medicaid, and other insurers for those services, supplies, and equipment not identified by CPT.<br><br>Billing to Medicare for qualifying FQHC services and care management services under the Prospective Payment System (PPS) system of "G codes".<br><br>Utilization review and comparison |
| **SDOH Example** | PRAPARE® (full assessment instrument): 93025-5<br><br>"What is your housing situation today?": 71802-3<br><br>"I do not have housing (staying with others, in a hotel, in a shelter, living outside on the street, on a beach, in a car, or in a park)": LA30190-5<br><br>See PRAPARE® LOINC Codes for full code set | Unsheltered homelessness: Z59.02<br><br>See CMS SDOH Z Code Infographic and PRAPARE® Z Code Quick Sheet for full code set, Z55-Z65 (also referred to as 'Z codes') | Patient identified as experiencing unsheltered homelessness: 611141000124105<br><br>Goal established for the patient to be stably housed: 611221000124108<br><br>Intervention provided through a referral to housing support program: 472161000124106<br><br>See PRAPARE® Data Documentation and Codification File for full code set | Preventive medicine counseling and/or risk factor reduction intervention(s) provided to an individual (separate procedure); approximately 15 minutes: 99401<br><br>See next page for full code set | When patient has unmet SDOH needs that interfere with establishing a diagnosis or treatment plan goals, administration of a standardized, evidence-based SDOH risk assessment tool, 5-15 minutes, not more than every 6 months: G0136<br><br>Provided with the following services:<br>• E/M visit<br>• Behavioral health office visits<br>• Annual Wellness Visit (AWV)<br><br>See NACHC CHI and PIN Tip Sheets |

*Captures that the screening tool utilized to assess for social risk factors is valid*

*Captures SDOH assessment findings (less detail)*

*Captures SDOH assessment findings (more detail) and the reason why an intervention was provided*

*Captures the provision of SDOH assessments and social risk interventions*

*Captures the provision of SDOH assessments, for patients with unmet SDOH needs, within an office visit*

| | CPT | Description | Tips for Using* |
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| **SDOH Assessment** | **96156** | Health behavior assessment (e.g., health-focused clinical interview, behavioral observations, validated rating scales) by a qualified healthcare professional, initial assessment | This code is used for the initial assessment of health behaviors, including screening for SDOH. It involves conducting a comprehensive interview, behavioral observations, and using validated rating scales to assess various health-related behaviors, including social drivers of health. |
| | **96160** | Administration of patient-focused health risk assessment instrument (e.g., health hazard appraisal) with scoring and documentation, per standardized instrument. | This code is used for the administration and scoring of a patient-focused health risk assessment instrument, such as a standardized questionnaire or survey that includes SDOH screening. It involves assessing multiple health risks, including social drivers of health, and documenting the results. |
| **Addressing Food Insecurity** | **97802** | Medical nutrition therapy; initial assessment and intervention, individual, face-to-face with the patient, each 15 minutes | |
| | **97803** | Medical nutrition therapy; re-assessment and intervention, individual, face-to-face with the patient, each 15 minutes | |
| | **97804** | Medical nutrition therapy; group (2 or more individuals), each 30 minutes | |
| **Addressing Identified Social Risks** | **99401** | Preventive medicine counseling and/or risk factor reduction intervention(s) provided to an individual (separate procedure); approximately 15 minutes | These codes used for counseling and interventions aimed at promoting health, preventing illness, and reducing risk factors. They can be used to address specific needs identified through SDOH screening<br><br>Should be reported together with an ICD-10-CM Z-code(s), which demonstrates the link or need for the preventive medicine counseling<br><br>Cannot be reported in addition to preventive medicine service codes 99381–99385 and 99391–99395 for comprehensive preventive medicine evaluation and management of an individual (overlapping services) |
| | **99402** | Preventive medicine counseling and/or risk factor reduction intervention(s) provided to an individual (separate procedure); approximately 30 minutes | |
| | **99403** | Preventive medicine counseling and/or risk factor reduction intervention(s) provided to an individual (separate procedure); approximately 45 minutes | |
| | **99404** | Preventive medicine counseling and/or risk factor reduction intervention(s) provided to an individual (separate procedure); approximately 60 minutes | |
| | **99411** | Preventive medicine counseling and/or risk factor reduction intervention(s) provided to individuals in a group setting (separate procedure); approximately 30 minutes | |
| | **99412** | Preventive medicine counseling and/or risk factor reduction intervention(s) provided to individuals in a group setting (separate procedure); approximately 60 minutes | |

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***Reimbursement for services will vary by state and payor.** See NACHC Community Health Integration (CHI) and Principal Illness Navigation (PIN) Tip Sheets for Medicare reimbursement opportunities related to SDOH services.