



# Experience Implementing Social Risk Factor Screening Measures in Medicaid Bailit Health

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# Webinar Presenters and Guests

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## Panelists

- 1) Stacey Aguiar**, Senior Director of Clinical Quality at UnitedHealth Group in Rhode Island
- 2) Garry Bliss**, Medicaid Accountable Entity Program Director at Prospect Health Services RI, Inc.
- 3) Joshua Twomey**, Director of Quality for Payment and Care Delivery Innovation at the Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Service



# Agenda

1. State Examples of Implementation of Social Risk Screening Measures
2. Panelist Discussion
3. Q&A from Audience

# Assessing MCO Screening Performance

- State Medicaid agencies can assess MCO (and ACO) performance on social risk factor screening by implementing a social risk factor screening measure.
  - Some state Medicaid agencies have developed “homegrown” screening measures for contractual incentive application (RI, MA, OR).\*
  - NCQA has been developing a screening and intervention measure. The measure was recently out for public comment. A final decision is to be announced on August 1.

\*NC also developed a measure to serve as an MCO financial incentive measure when the program became operational in July 2021, but has chosen not to use it (at least not yet).

# Three States Using Social Risk Factor Screening Measures as Performance Incentives (1 of 2)

State	Measure Name	Purpose
MA	<i>Health-Related Social Needs Screening</i>	2018: measure used for performance measurement 2021: measure moved to pay-for-performance
OR	<i>Social Determinants of Health Screening</i>	2021: recommendations for measure design 2023: target year for contract incentive measure
RI	<i>Social Determinants of Health Screening</i>	2017: measure used for performance reporting 2020: measure modified; used as pay-for-reporting 2021: measure moved from pay-for-reporting to pay-for-performance

RI's measure: The percentage of attributed patients who were screened for Social Determinants of Health using a screening tool once per measurement year, where the primary care clinician has documented the completion of the screening and the results.



# Three States Using Social Risk Factor Screening Measures as Performance Incentives (2 of 2)

State	Measure Name	Use in Value-Based Payment
MA	<i>Health-Related Social Needs Screening</i>	Part of a group of measures used to determine attribution of shared savings and shared losses to Medicaid ACOs
OR	<i>Social Determinants of Health Screening</i>	Part of a group of measures used to determine CCO (MCO) withhold return
RI	<i>Social Determinants of Health Screening</i>	Part of a group of measures used to determine attribution of shared savings and shared losses to Medicaid ACOs

Iowa's 2022 MCO RFP requires MCO social risk factor screening, to be assessed with a social risk factor screening measure, and places 10% of a 2% withhold at risk for MCO submission of screening data to the state.



# PANELIST DISCUSSION



# Reminder: State Technical Assistance Opportunities

- States can request SHVS support for technical assistance (TA) with projects, including:
  - One-day session with an expert on a specific topic
  - Limited, well-defined TA engagement (spans a few months)
- Some states have used SHVS TA from Bailit Health to promote health equity as they draft and release new Medicaid managed care RFPs and model contracts.

# Q&A With State Audience

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# Thank You

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