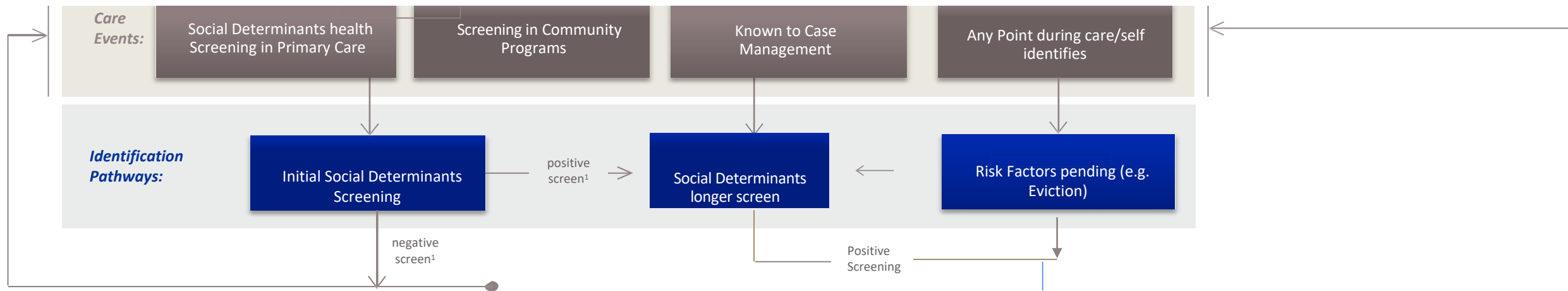


Social Determinants of Health Pathway



SDH codes to always be included in claim when present:

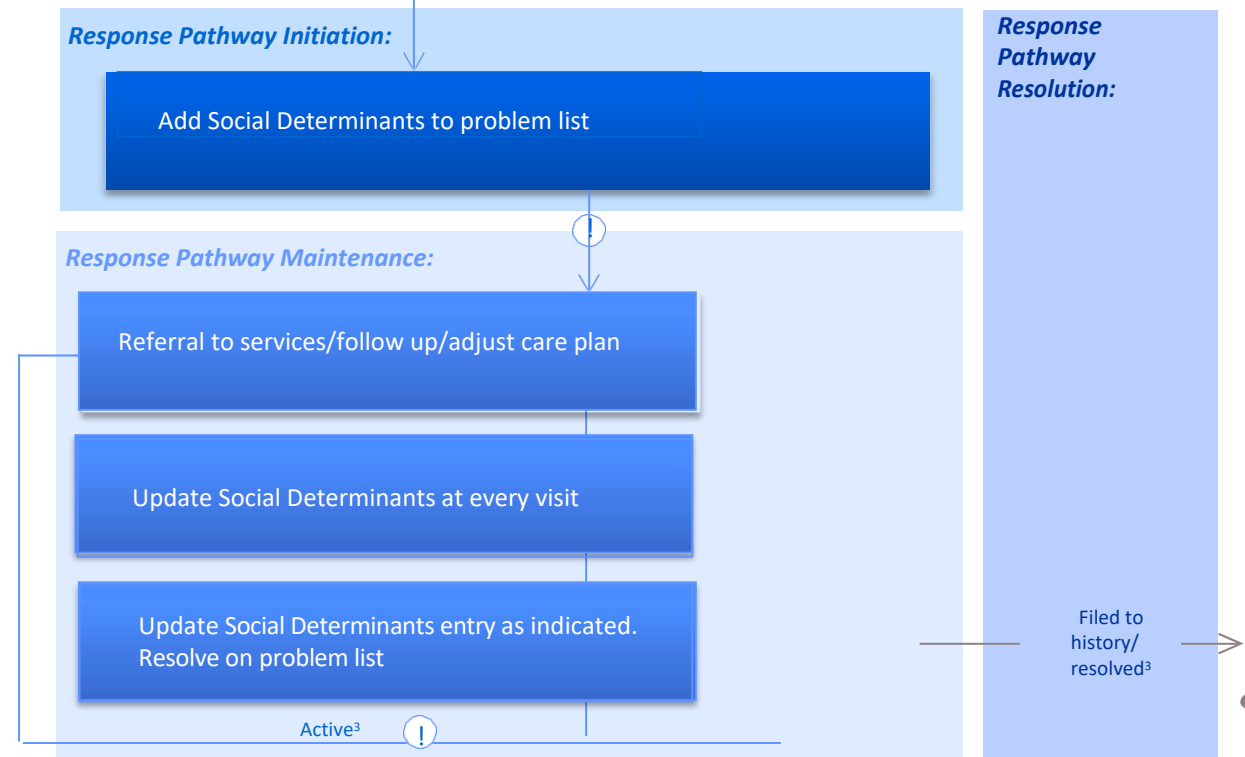
Z59.0 Homelessness: Use for individuals who are "Chronically homeless", or reside in shelter, or reside in the street/subway, or who will be discharged to shelter.

Z59.8 Other problems related to housing and economic circumstances: Use when the individual is unstably housed (doubled-up, couch surfing, staying with friends), and/or at risk of eviction

Z59.1 Inadequate housing: Use for individuals whose housing quality is undermining their health. (Bugs, pest, mold, dampness, inadequate heat, lead)

Z59.4 Lack of adequate food and safe drinking water: Use for individuals who have food insecurity

See back of this page for a shortlist of SDH codes



Note: While ideally all detected Social Determinants of Health diagnosis should go in the claim, we recommend a concerted effort to always include food and housing insecurity and of skipping medication due to cost through inclusion of these codes in the claim any time it is identified.

Social Determinant of Health ICD 10 Z Code	Proposed use
Education issues	
Z55.0 Illiteracy and low-level literacy	Use for individuals with less than high-school education/GED (regardless of country where the education was achieved)
Z55.9 Problems related to education and literacy, unspecified	Use for individuals who have issues understanding health information when presented in their language of preference.
Employment issues	
Z56.0 Unemployment, unspecified	Use for individuals who are currently Unemployed and seeking employment.
Z56.9 Unspecified problems related to employment	Use for individuals who are currently Employed have problems there and/or the problems are triggering seeking job change.
Economic hardship - Housing Issues	
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Z59.8 Other problems related to housing and economic circumstances	Use when the individual is unstably housed (doubled-up, couch surfing, staying with friends), and/or at risk of eviction
Z59.1 Inadequate housing	Use for individuals whose housing quality is undermining their health. (Bugs, pest, mold, dampness, inadequate heat, lead)
+ Z77.120 Contact with and (suspected) exposure to mold (toxic)	add if mold, dampness, water leaks are suspected
+ Z77.011 Contact with and (suspected) exposure to lead	add if peeling paint is suspected
+ Z77.22 Contact with and (suspected) exposure to environmental tobacco smoke (acute) (chronic)	add if second hand smoke is suspected
Economic hardship - Food Insecurity	
Z59.4 Lack of adequate food and safe drinking water	Use for individuals who have food insecurity
Economic hardship – Other basic needs	
Z59.7 Insufficient social insurance and welfare support	Use for individuals who are worried about or have trouble with meeting basic needs due to cost. These individuals may need to be enrolled in [additional] public benefits, are on public benefits and they are insufficient, or are ineligible for public benefits.
Z75.3 Unavailability and inaccessibility of health-care facilities	Use for individuals who have challenges to access healthcare due to transportation.
Z91.120 Patient's intentional underdoing of medication regimen due to financial hardship	Use for individuals skipping medication due to cost.*
Issues with independent living	
Z60.2 Problems related to living alone	Use when individual lives alone and needs assistance with activities of daily living.
Caregiving needs	
Z63.6 Dependent relative needing care at home	Use for clients who need support for caregiving of dependents.
Issues with primary support group	
Z63.7 Other stressful life events affecting family and household	Use for stressful family events other than caregiving; including conflict getting along with primary support group.
Z63.8 Other specified problems related to primary support group	Use when individual is lacking a primary support group and/or feels socially isolated.
Legal Issues	
Z65.2 Problems related to release from prison	Use for individuals who are justice involved.
Z65.3 Problems related to other legal circumstances	Use for individuals who need legal help.
Violence/Safety	
Z91.41 Personal history of adult abuse	Use for clients that have experienced abuse as adults
+Z63.0 Problems in relationship with spouse or partner	add if the history of adult abuse is with partner