



DRAFT – For Discussion Purposes Only
SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH
UNMET NEEDS SCREENING

The purpose of this screening tool is to provide a uniform means to collect information through City-funded social service contracts on the unmet needs encountered by service customers. Use of this tool at intake, 90-day client updates and program exit would provide important information about the impact of services and inform future activities.

This screening tool uses some but not all of the questions from the AHC HRSN Screening Tool Core Questions issued by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)¹. **Red** font indicates suggested City-added text to improve clarity. Multiple Albuquerque agencies and health providers use the original CMS screening tool, which allows data collected by the City can be compared with a rich local and national dataset. Screening questions are organized in the City of Albuquerque Family and Community Services Outcome categories, all of which contribute to improve public safety.

Housing Stability

1. What is your living situation today?²

- I have a steady place to live
- I have a place to live today, but **I am worried** about losing it in the future
- I do not have a steady place to live (I am temporarily staying with others, in a hotel, in a shelter, living outside on the street, in a park, in a car, abandoned building, or other place unsuitable for people to live.)

Individual and Family Resilience

Some people have made the following statements about their food situation. Please answer whether the statements were **OFTEN**, **SOMETIMES**, or **NEVER** true for you and your household in the last 12 months.³

2. Within the past 12 months, you worried that your food would run out before you got money to buy more.

- Often true
- Sometimes true
- Never true

¹ The Accountable Health Communities Health-Related Social Needs Screening Tool, Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. (2017, September 05). Accountable Health Communities Model. <https://innovation.cms.gov/initiatives/ahcm>.

² National Association of Community Health Centers and partners, National Association of Community Health Centers, Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations, Association OPC, Institute for Alternative Futures. (2017). PRAPARE. <http://www.nachc.org/research-and-data/prapare/>

³ Hager, E. R., Quigg, A. M., Black, M. M., Coleman, S. M., Heeren, T., Rose-Jacobs, R., Frank, D. A. (2010). Development and Validity of a 2-Item Screen to Identify Families at Risk for Food Insecurity. *Pediatrics*, 126(1), 26-32. doi:10.1542/peds.2009-3146

Individual and Family Resilience

3. In the past 12 months, has lack of reliable transportation kept you from medical appointments, meetings, work or from getting things needed for daily living?⁴

Yes

No

Individual and Family Resilience

4. How often does anyone, including family and friends, harm you or threaten you with harm (physically or emotionally)?⁵

Never

Rarely

Sometimes

Fairly often

Frequently

Individual and Family Resilience

5. Do you want help finding or keeping work or a job or with school or training? ⁶ For example, finding a job, keeping a job, starting or completing job training or getting a high school diploma, GED or equivalent.

Yes, help finding work

Yes, help keeping work

⁴ National Association of Community Health Centers and Partners, National Association of Community Health Centers, Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations, Association OPC, Institute for Alternative Futures. (2017). PRAPARE. <http://www.nachc.org/research-and-data/prapare/>

⁵ Sherin, K. M., Sinacore, J. M., Li, X. Q., Zitter, R. E., & Shakil, A. (1998). HITS: a Short Domestic Violence Screening Tool for Use in a Family Practice Setting. *Family Medicine*, 30(7), 508-512

⁶ Combined CMS questions # 12 and 16. Identifying and Recommending Screening Questions for the Accountable Health Communities Model (2016, July) Technical Expert Panel discussion conducted at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Baltimore, MD.

- Yes, help getting a high school diploma, GED or equivalent
- Yes, help getting job training
- I do not need or want help

Behavioral Health Stability

6. How many times in the past year have you used illegal drugs or prescription drugs for non-medical reasons? ⁷

- Never
- Once or Twice
- Monthly
- Weekly
- Daily or Almost Daily

Behavioral Health Stability

7. How often has your mental health interfered with functioning in your daily life in the past year?⁸

- Never
- Once or Twice
- Monthly
- Weekly
- Daily or Almost Daily

Individual and Family Resilience

8. Do you need childcare or better childcare for your children?⁹

- Yes
- No

⁷ Combined CMS questions # 21 and 22. United States, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, National Institutes of Health. (n.d.). Helping Patients Who Drink Too Much: A Clinician's Guide (2005 ed., pp. 1-34).

⁸ Adapted from CMS question #23 a. and b. Kroenke, K., Spitzer, R. L., & Williams, J. B. (2003). The Patient Health Questionnaire-2: validity of a two-item depression screener. Medical Care, 41(11), 1284-1292.

⁹ *WellRx Toolkit*, University of New Mexico Office for Community Health