

Activity Types- Explanations

1. SDH Screening: This category includes standardized questions and answers used as screening tools to identify particular social risks as part of population health and patient-centered approaches. There are both individual screening questions that can be used independently, and panels of screening questions that must be taken as a set.
2. SDH Assessment/Diagnosis: This category includes the concepts that a licensed provider would use to assess (or in clinical speak, diagnose) social risks. These assessments can be based on provider interpretation of standardized social screening results or extrapolation from unstructured patient history.
3. SDH Goals- This category includes both patient and provider goals in relation to the social risk assessment. The principles of goal setting are the heart of care management, social work, and patient-centered care. Goals can be both long-term (big picture), and short-term.
4. SDH Treatment/Intervention: This category includes all of the activities any helper would employ to address the assessed social risk and help the patient meet their identified goals. The intent is to consider the perspective of all helpers in the community including providers, care team members, community health workers and navigators, referral networks, community-based organizations, or agencies. This section includes the direct provision of aid, counsel, education, referral to other providers and agencies, evaluation of eligibility for programs, and assistance with applications. There are both general concepts that are common across all domains and unique federal and private programs and partnerships for the social risk in question.

