

Tracking and Measuring the Impact of SDOH Interventions

Texas MCO SDOH Learning Collaborative

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Agenda



- Welcome and Introductions
- Health and Human Services Update
- Tracking and Measuring the Impact of SDOH Interventions
 - » Dr. Salil Deshpande
 - » Dr. Angie Hochhalter
 - » Dr. Heidi Schwarzwald
 - » John Wendling
- Group Discussion
- Wrap Up and Adjourn

Meet Today's Presenters



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Tracking and Measuring the Impact of SDOH Interventions

Measuring and Tracking the Impact of SDOH Interventions: Context

- MCOs, providers, and HHSC recognize the importance of SDOH as key drivers to health outcomes/costs.
 - » Identifying effective interventions can help stakeholders, including plans, with limited resources drive a series of high-impact, system-level approaches to improving care for Medicaid members.
- How do interested parties “make the case” that their interventions are making an impact?

Social Determinants of Health Strategies During the COVID-19 Pandemic

2020 Survey of Managed Care Organizations in Texas

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Texas MCO Work to Address SDOH



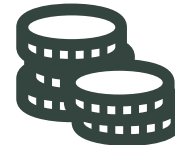
MCO SDOH Strategies



Provide **Navigators/Community Health Workers**



Develop Specific **SDOH Interventions**

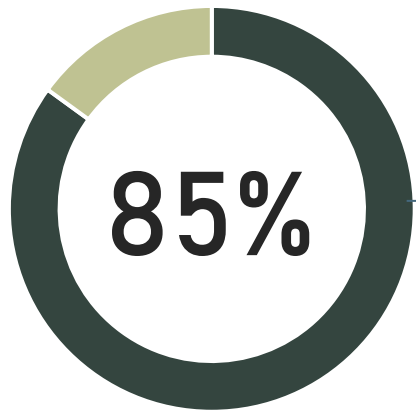


Invest in **Community Organizations**

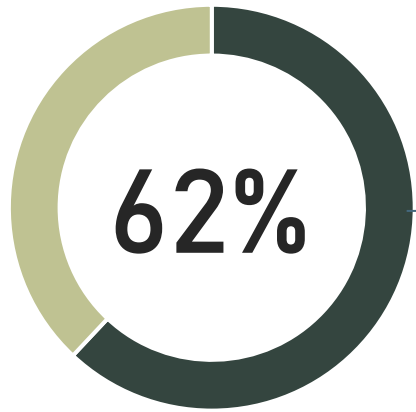


Offer Directory of **Community-Based Resources**

Challenges and TA Needs of MCOs



of MCOs listed **effective interventions** as their **top concern**



of MCOs listed **effective interventions** as their top need for **technical assistance**

Key ROI Considerations for MCOs

01

What is the **SDOH intervention**? Be very clear

02

What is **ROI**? A concept around cost/resources and health outcomes

03

What are the **metrics**? Set-up metrics upfront and track over time

04

What is our **design**? Pre-post versus comparison group

05

Who can **do the work**? Internal versus external

06

How do we communicate and **manage expectations**?

Health and Human Services Commission

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Social Determinants of Health

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Addressing SDoH is key to improving health and equity

- **SDoH have bigger influence on health than clinical care:** 60% of a person's health is driven by social, behavioral, and environmental factors like their education, income, and race/ethnicity.¹
- **Social and environmental factors drive health disparities:** Unequitable access to education, employment, healthy environments, and healthcare are driven by structural biases including gender discrimination and racism²
- **Unmet social needs are associated with higher utilization and cost:** people reporting food insecurity or lack of transportation are more likely to report multiple ED visits (2.5x) and inpatient stays (2x).³
- **More than 1 in 3 UHC Medicaid and Medicare members have unmet needs:** 35% of 1.6 million members screened in 2020 had one or more unmet health-related social needs.
- **Employers⁴, state⁵ and federal⁶ governments, and our members³ want our help.**
- **Addressing these factors represents our greatest opportunity to help people live healthier lives.**



The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the health impacts of SDoH while simultaneously increasing social risk for millions of Americans.⁷



Solving social barriers has a direct impact on chronic disease management

Meal Delivery Programs Reduce the Use of Costly Health Care in Dually Eligible Medicare and Medicaid Beneficiaries:

Small Interventions, BIG Impact!

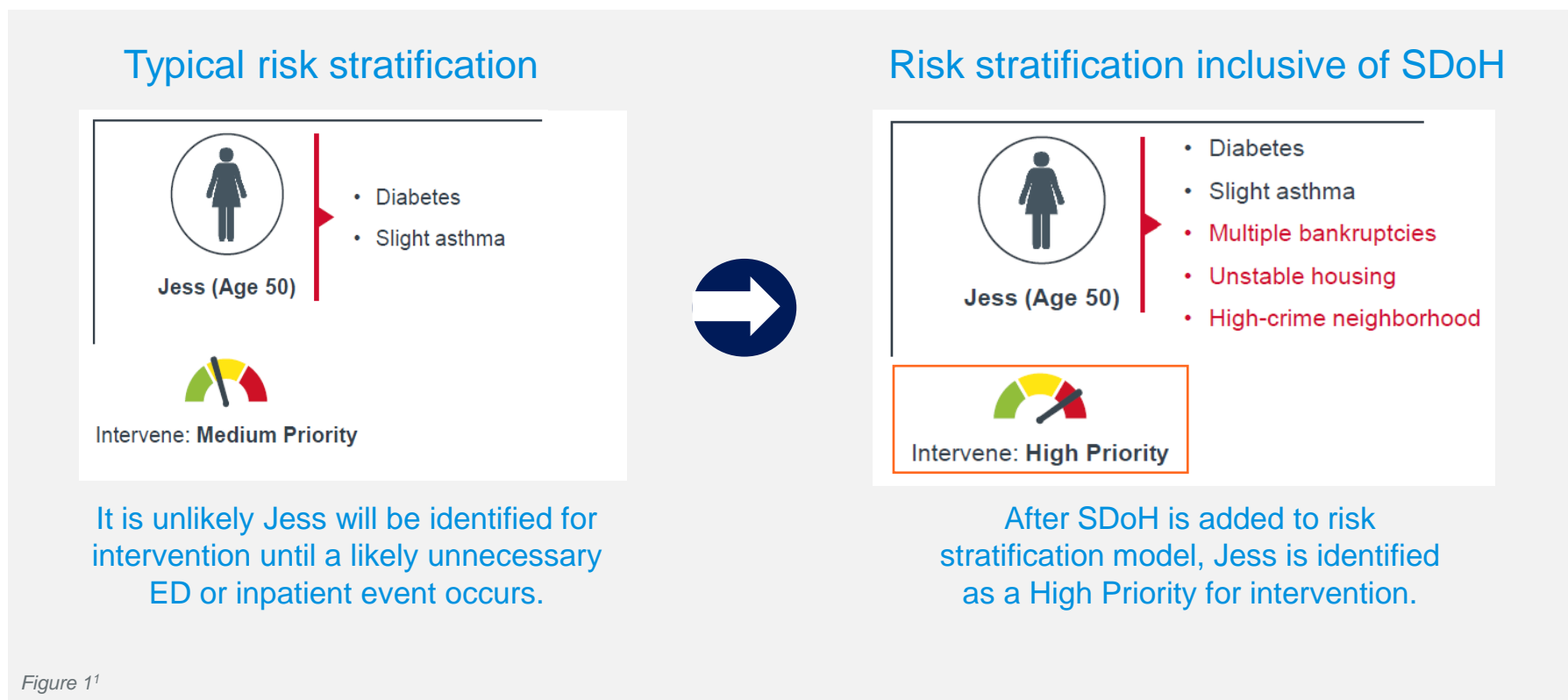
- 70% decrease in ED visits
- 52% decrease in inpatient admissions
- 71% fewer emergency transports
- Lower healthcare costs by 16%

Culture of Health, The ACA & More, Health Affairs vol. 37, no. 4: <https://www.healthaffairs.org/doi/abs/10.1377/hlthaff.2017.0999>



Inclusion of SDoH is a Better Way of Defining and Stratifying Risk

“Early evaluations of the Massachusetts model have found that adding social determinants and related variables to risk scores **strengthens the predictive power of risk adjustment** and yields **more accurate payments** to MCOs”.²



¹ Advisory Board interviews and analysis. "Social Determinants of Health Data, Educational Briefing for Non-IT Executives"
² Deloitte Insights "Social determinants of health and Medicaid payments," Jim Jones, Sima Muller



Combined Framework for Addressing SDoH

**Health Plan Operational Approach –
Screening, Resource and Referral, Fulfillment**

Community-Based Organization Strategy

Provider Alignment & Partnerships

**Improved
Health &
Wellbeing**



Health Plan Operational Approach

Screening
Resource and Referral (R&R)
Fulfillment

- All Markets that do not have a state required screening tool use the Protocol for Responding to and Assessing Patients' Assets, Risks, and Experiences (PRAPARE) screening tool to collect data on social barriers
- Markets with state required screening tool abide by requirements
- Screens will be conducted within the Resource & Referral platform to simplify the connection to local services and supports when screening identifies a social barrier or need



Health Plan Operational Approach

Screening

**Resource and Referral
(R&R)**

Fulfillment

- All Markets that do not have a state required R&R platform will have access to **Aunt Bertha**
- Markets where states mandate the use of a R&R platform, or those who have been selected as a local market for a state-specific platform will align with that platform.
- C&S and Government Programs will be testing the following R&R platforms at the state level:
 - **Unite Us**
 - **Healthify**
 - **NowPow**



Health Plan Operational Approach

Screening

Resource and Referral (R&R)

Fulfillment

- All SDoH referrals can be fulfilled in various ways:
 - CBO documents in referral tool
 - Care Manager documents
 - Call Center Representative documents
 - Provider file on SDoH provides fulfillment details
- For all noted referrals that are not closed out, a call is made to the member to attempt to close the loop and to ask about the members satisfaction with the services provided.



Community-Based Organization Strategy

Goal: *Develop and implement a strategy with CBOs to support **community resource expansion, community partner engagement, and community capacity.***



Support Navigation Tool

Align with CBO tool of choice to encourage utilization



Value Based Contracting

Assist with a valued resource and confirm that social needs are met



Quantify Value

Quantify work to allow CBOs to socialize work or as a metric to use for grant writing



Identify/Establish CBO Networks

Demonstrates the collective work CBOs do for our members and in the community



Provider Alignment and Partnerships

Goal: *Develop and implement provider partnerships and health system engagement opportunities focused on the **integration of health equity and SDoH strategies** into the clinical workflow.*



Data Sharing

Share SDoH data through expanded provider screenings with actionable and bidirectional data flow



Value Based Contracting

Drive SDoH collaboration opportunities and deliver better clinical outcomes



Coding Standardization

Promote the adoption & expansion of ICD-10 SDoH industry standard coding



Health Equity

Implement health equity driven prioritization and outreach strategies using provider screening data



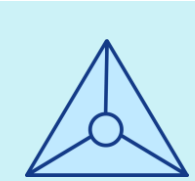
Imputed Market Price™ Valuation Tool

The Imputed Market Price™ (IMP™) represents the **value to the consumer** if they purchased the service out of pocket.

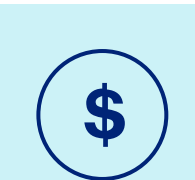
Our pioneering, patent-pending tool provides an **estimated market value** for social services that **can be used to....**



Show financial value of social referrals to members



Support the triple aim through the lowering of costs and improvement of quality through holistic interventions



Serve as the gold standard for social determinant of health valuation



Create reporting for providers and CBOs as to their value on social referrals



Provider Pilot and Learning Collaborative



Goals

- Leverage provider capacity in assessing and addressing SDoH barriers
- UHC provides patient referral support and assistance, as well as access to UHC's SDoH Data Visualization Library
- Strive for confirmation of all CBO referrals
- Providers share electronic data with UHC using secure connection
- Use Imputed Market Price™ to estimate value
- Share emerging data and best practices with provider partners to inform and collaborate on the ongoing design of SDoH models
- Develop proof of concept for a value based contracting model for evaluation by TX HHSC, and consideration for a future benefit waiver (e.g., DSRIP transformation)



Analysis

- Hospital Admissions per 1000 members
- Inpatient Days per 1000 members
- 30-Day Readmission Rate
- Emergency Room Visits per 1000 members
- Percent of Avoidable Emergency Room Visits
- Financial value of the CBO referrals received
- Total SDoH Barrier Reductions



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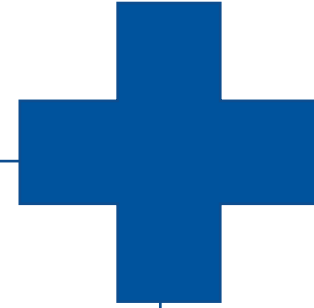
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Program Goals



- Reduce negative impact of non-medical needs on member health
- Reduce avoidable ER visits
- Reduce avoidable hospital admissions
- Engage members who may not be connected to health plan services
- Understand member and community needs
- Enhance family resilience

Program Process



Provider office,
ER



Targeted outreach
calls from MCO



Care
Manager

Member and navigator
identify needs, set
goals, collaborate to
engage local resources

Initial needs met
Coaching as needed



Relationship
continues



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Initial Program Launch

Launch, 2019

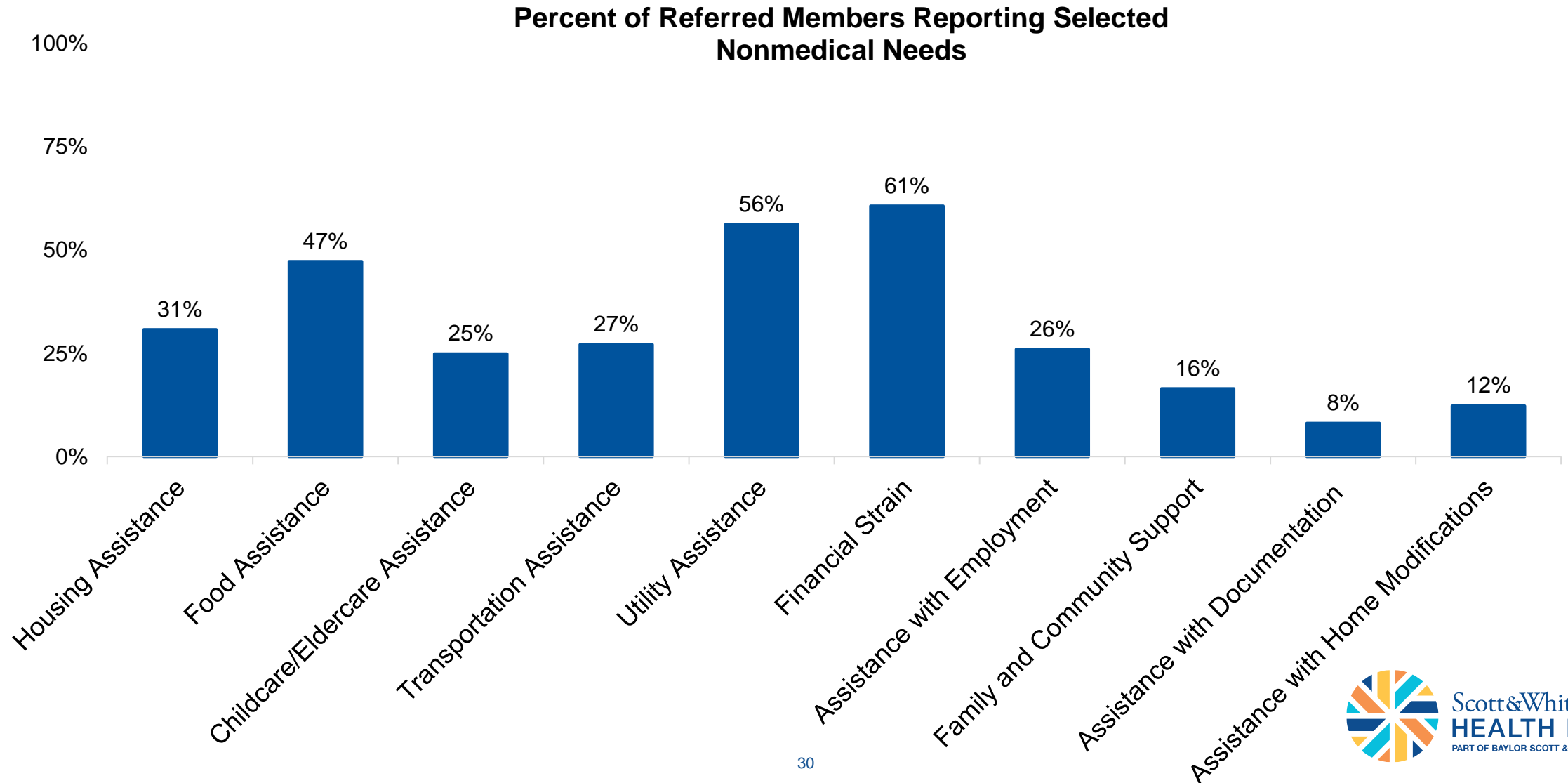


Available to health plan members in 7 counties:

- Bell
- Coryell
- Hamilton
- Lampasas
- Milam
- Mills
- San Saba

United Way of Central Texas

381 referrals through May 2021



Support Examples

COVID-19, Winter Storms

- Connections to funding through local COVID-19 Recovery Fund, FEMA, other specific funds
- Help with rent, utilities, replenishing food, and other needs during recovery

Home Eviction

- Connections to legal aid, rental assistance, unemployment benefits, and food support
- Ongoing coaching and support to complete applications, access benefits, and look for employment

Multiple Needs

- Coaching to prioritize needs, step-by-step support to meet multiple challenges and achieve goal
- Example: Identify affordable and safe childcare on the bus route to/from work to maintain employment schedule

Program Impact

ED Visits and Hospital Admissions per 1000 Member Months are higher before referral than they are after (330 Members Referred)

	Change from 90 Days Before to 90 Days After Referral	Incidence Rate Ratio [90% Confidence Interval]
ED Visits	-21.92 per 1000 Member Months	0.824 [0.658 - 1.032]
Hospital Admissions	-27.02 per 1000 Member Months	0.461 [0.301 - 0.704]

Program Expansion

Launch, 2019



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Central Texas

Expansion,
2021



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Collaborative Approach To Public Goods Investments (CAPGI): Lessons Learned From A Feasibility Study

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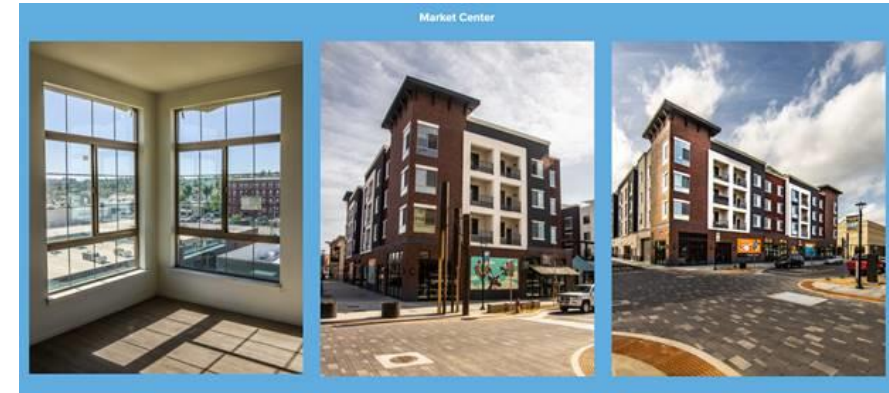


Aetna/CVS Health Affordable Housing Investments

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What are affordable housing investments?

- Impact Investments
- Low-income housing tax credit equity or loans
- Facilitate construction or rehabilitation
- Rent restrictions based on income levels
- Often units are reserved for seniors, veterans, at-risk youth, 2nd chance participants, those experiencing homeless, etc.
- Supportive services are provided free of charge to tenants




Investment Considerations



DestinationHealth



 = State with Aetna Medicaid Administered Program



Analyze Rethink Transform (ART)



Going Beyond The Investment

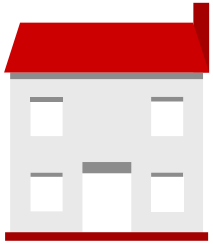
Aetna/CVS Health Programs & Initiatives



Enterprise Focus on Addressing SDoH and Supporting Social Justice & Equity Commitments

- Vaccine Equity (In-Store, Community & Pop-Up Clinics)
- Project Health (In-store & Mobile Clinics)
- Workforce Initiatives (Veterans, Seniors, At-Risk Youth, 2nd Chance, Abilities in Abundance, etc.)
 - Apprenticeships
 - High School Programs
 - On-the job training
 - Workforce Innovation & Talent Centers
- Food Insecurity Programs
- Senior Programs
- Health & Wellness Programs
- Mixed-use Developments
- Outcome Measurement

Benefits of Housing Combined with Services



Housing Stability

- Housing for vulnerable populations
- Reduced overcrowding
- Decreased risk of teen pregnancy, early drug use, and depression

Health Outcomes

- Better access to healthcare and nutritious foods
- Increased use of primary care services
- Positive mental and behavioral health outcomes

Economic Security

- Fewer overburdened renters
- Increased school attendance & performance
- Higher community employment rates

Lower Health Expenditures

- Fewer emergency room visits
- Better chronic disease management
- Lowered physical and behavioral service costs

Community Benefits

- Community revitalization
- Advances health, income, education and social equity
- Reduced crime and poverty rates

Measuring Outcomes of AHI combined with Supportive Services

Data Analytics Team Focus

- Housing Stability
 - Time in stable housing
 - Reduction in overcrowding
 - Housed youths aging out of foster care
 - Reductions in homelessness and housing shortages
- Health Outcomes
 - Increased PCP utilization
 - Better prescription adherence
 - Improved chronic disease management
 - Reduced infant mortality
 - Increased in life expectancy
 - Improvements in mental, behavior and emotional health
 - YOY change in BMI, blood pressure, glucose and total cholesterol
- Economic Security
 - Lowered # of overburdened renters
 - Increased employment rates
 - Improved educational outcomes
 - Less food insecurity
 - Earlier detection of health issues
- Lowered Healthcare Expenditure
 - Costs for chronic disease management
 - ER visits/hospital bed days/readmissions
 - Inpatient/Outpatient stays
 - Nursing home days
 - # of vaccine distributions
 - Benefits of "Aging in Place" efforts
- Community Benefits
 - Reduction in crime, recidivism & poverty rates
 - Increase in community space and parks
 - Decrease in social isolation
- Employer Cost Savings & Productivity
 - Decreased absenteeism
 - Fewer replacement workers
 - Decreased medical and administrative costs
 - Better quality control
 - Improved safety and moral

Preliminary Outcomes

- 71 Active ABH TX members in supportive housing today
- 42% decrease in PMPM costs
- 400% increase in Mental Health outpatient visits*
- 20% decrease in ER PMPM





It's changed everything to have a place to live. I was ready to give up.

— KEVIN DUVALL, NEW RESIDENT AT SEQUOIA COMMONS

After years of homelessness and food insecurity, 59-year-old Kevin Duvall still feels overwhelmed and grateful knowing he can cook his own food, pour a clean glass of water and enjoy the privacy and safety of his own home.



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The Plan of Choice



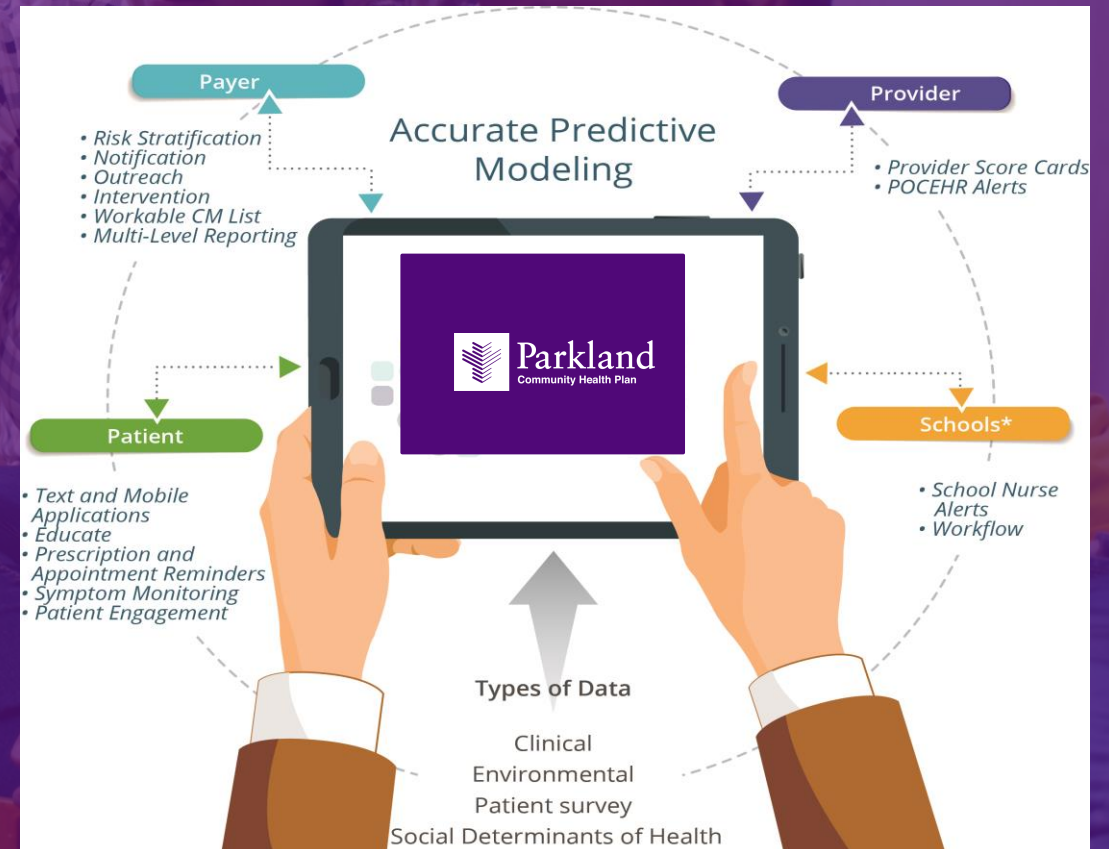
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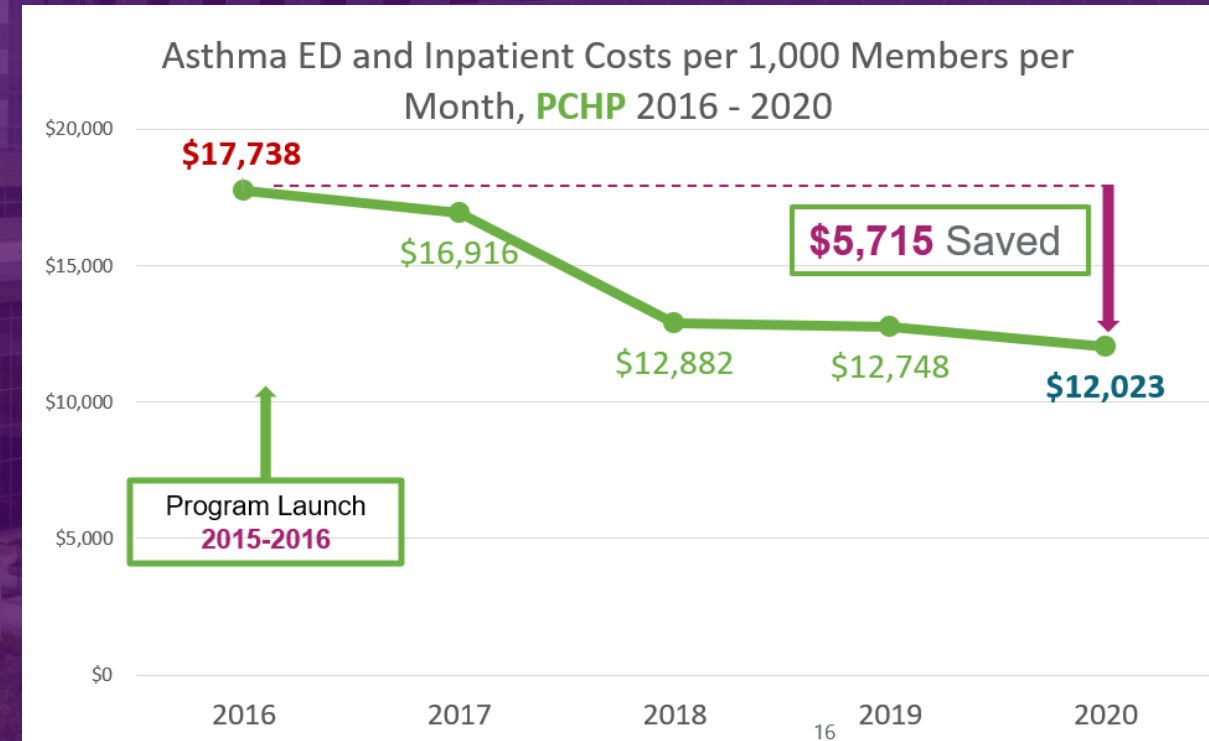
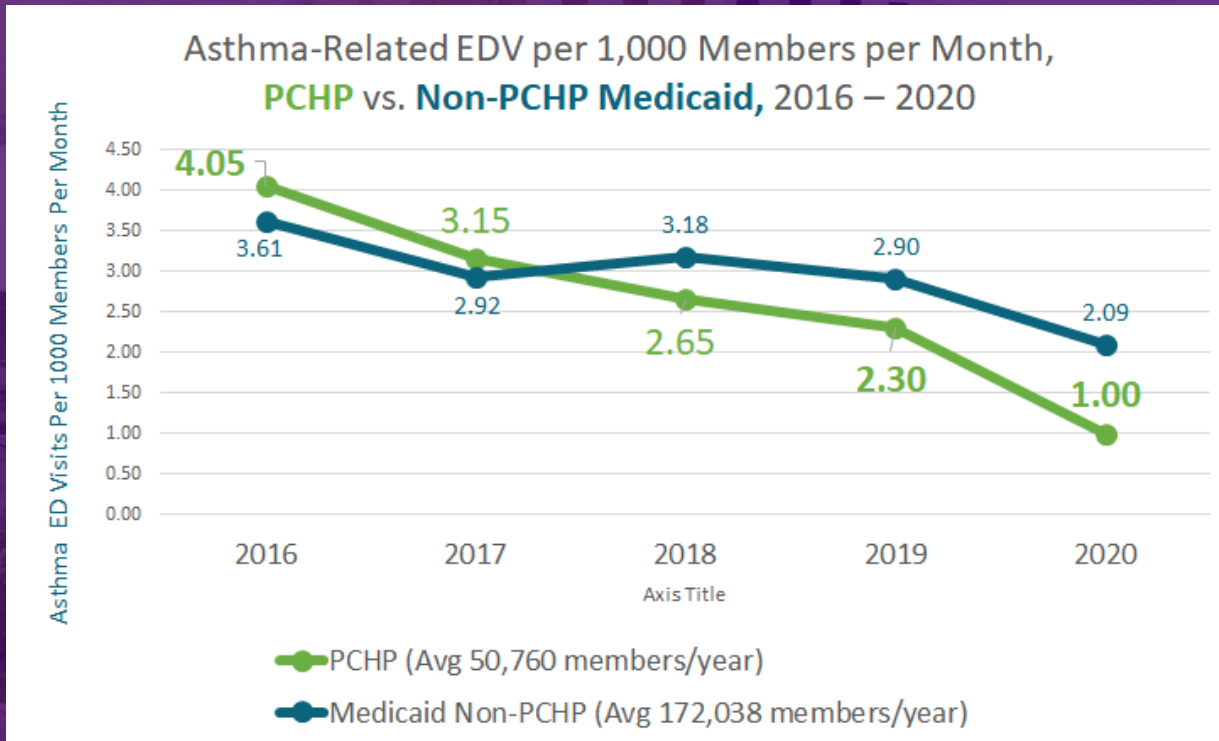
Risk-Driven Multi-Stakeholder Approach to Population Health

- Pediatric Asthma Program
 - » Risk-Driven Campaign Outreach
 - » 3-5 educational messages a week (2 asthma/ 3 resource based)



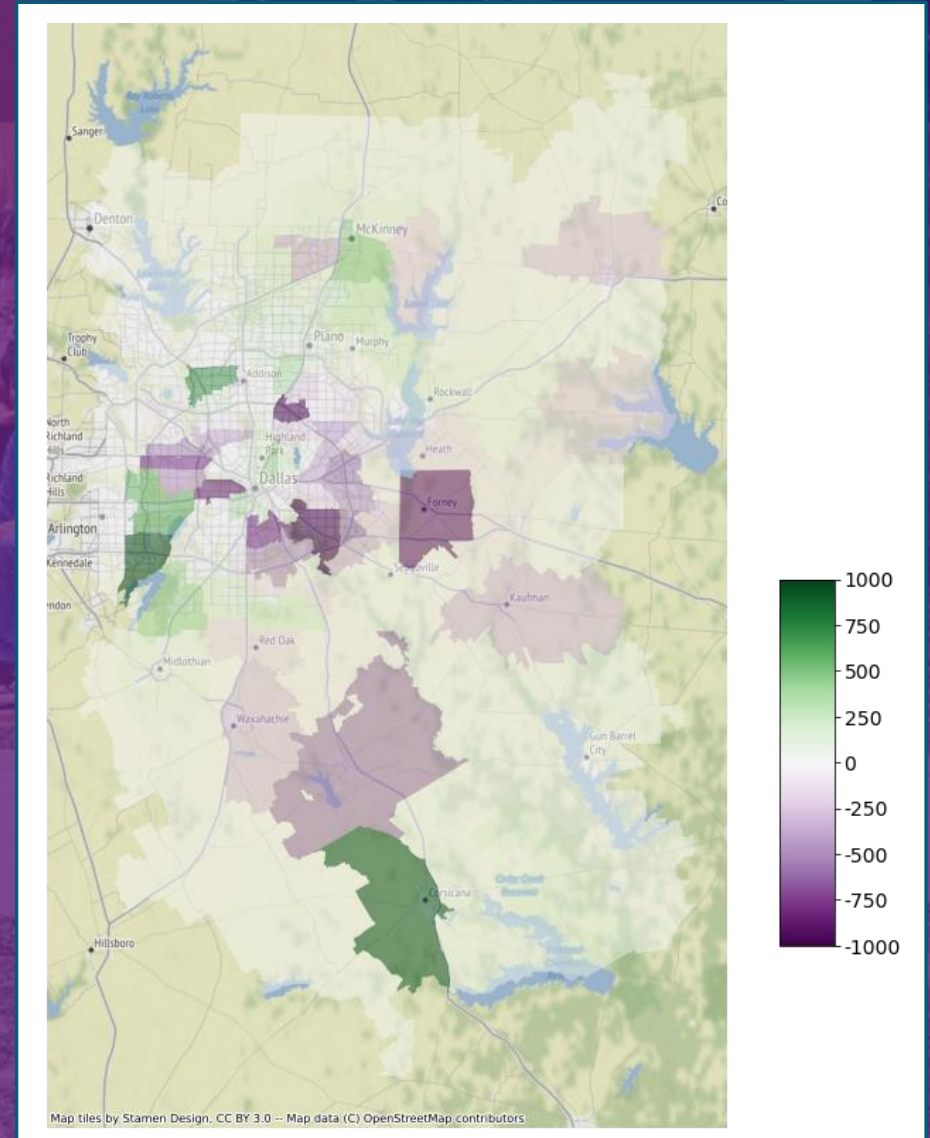
Overall Program Impact - Annual Trends in Asthma Total, IP, ED & Meds Costs

- 42% drop in asthma EDV
- 32% drop in asthma ED and IP Costs



Looking Ahead

- Leverage the population data to identify common threads around SDOH:
 - » Pre-term birth
 - » Food and digital deserts
 - » Social isolation
- Activating on the insights:
 - » Developing programs to manage conditions
 - » Leveraging behavioral profiles to customize communication
 - » Monitor and optimize performance



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