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**Medi-Cal**

**Important Provider Notice: #431**

**Subject: Collecting Social Determinants of Health (SDOH) Data – Effective 1/1/22 – Updated 2/7/22**

Department of Healthcare Services (DHCS) released its California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM) proposal in 2019, which DHCS revised on January of 2021. CalAIM is a multi-year program to improve health outcomes and quality of life for Medi-Cal beneficiaries through a broad delivery system, program, and payment reform.

Population Health Management (PHM) is an initiative of CalAIM that identifies and manages member risk and need through whole person care approaches while focusing on and addressing SDOH.

DHCS recognizes that consistent and reliable collection of SDOH data is vital to the success of CalAIM’s PHM initiative. To advance improvements, DHCS is providing guidance on collecting data.

There are several well-documented challenges to collecting SDOH data including an absence of standardization in data collection and sharing. There is a gap in codes available for reporting SDOH, making standardization challenging.

DHCS has issued a list of 18 Priority SDOH Codes, based on the International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Revision, Clinical Modification (ICD-10-CM) for providers to utilize when coding for SDOH to ensure correct coding and capture of reliable data. The DHCS Priority Codes were chosen based on an assessment of existing code utilization, and by determining where providers may have the greatest impact on identifying and addressing SDOH.

While PHC accepts and allows providers to use all SDOH codes (see Section A below), PHC also seeks to prioritize the use of a set of pertinent SDOH codes to maximize the capture of actionable SDOH data.

**DHCS Priority SDOH Codes:**

<b>Code</b>	<b>Description</b>
Z55.0	Illiteracy and low-level literacy
Z58.6	Inadequate drinking-water supply
Z59.00	Homelessness unspecified
Z59.01	Sheltered homelessness
Z59.02	Unsheltered homelessness
Z59.1	Inadequate housing (lack of heating/space, unsatisfactory surroundings)
Z59.3	Problems related to living in residential institution
Z59.41	Food insecurity
Z59.48	Other specified lack of adequate food
Z59.7	Insufficient social insurance and welfare support
Z59.811	Housing instability, housed, with risk of homelessness
Z59.812	Housing instability, housed, homelessness in past 12 months

Z59.819	Housing instability, housed unspecified
Z59.89	Other problems related to housing and economic circumstances
Z60.2	Problems related to living alone
Z60.4	Social exclusion and rejection (physical appearance, illness or behavior)
Z62.819	Personal history of unspecified abuse in childhood
Z63.0	Problems in relationship with spouse or partner
Z63.4	Disappearance & death of family member (assumed death, bereavement)
Z63.5	Disruption of family by separation and divorce (marital estrangement)
Z63.6	Dependent relative needing care at home
Z63.72	Alcoholism and drug addiction in family
Z65.1	Imprisonment and other incarceration
Z65.2	Problems related to release from prison
Z65.8	Other specified problems related to psychosocial circumstances (religious or spiritual problem)

### **Section A:**

**Table 1: ICD-10-CM Codes Z55-Z65 – Persons with Potential Health Hazards Related to Socioeconomic and Psychosocial Circumstances**

Category	Code	Description
Problems related to education & literacy (8)	Z55.0	Illiteracy and low-level literacy
	Z55.1	Schooling unavailable and unattainable
	Z55.2	Failed school examinations
	Z55.3	Underachievement in school
	Z55.4	Educational maladjustment and discord with teachers and classmates
	Z55.5	Less than a high school diploma
	Z55.8	Other problems related to education and literacy
	Z55.9	Problems related to education and literacy, unspecified
Problems related to employment and unemployment (11)	Z56.0	Unemployment, unspecified
	Z56.1	Change of job
	Z56.2	Threat of job loss
	Z56.3	Stressful work schedule
	Z56.4	Discord with boss and workmates
	Z56.5	Uncongenial work environment
	Z56.6	Other physical and mental strain related to work
	Z56.81	Sexual harassment on the job
	Z56.82	Military deployment status
	Z56.89	Other problems related to employment
	Z56.9	Unspecified problems related to employment
Occupational exposure to risk factors (11)	Z57.0	Occupational exposure to noise
	Z57.1	Occupational exposure to radiation
	Z57.2	Occupational exposure to dust
	Z57.31	Occupational exposure to environmental tobacco smoke
	Z57.39	Occupational exposure to other air contaminants
	Z57.4	Occupational exposure to toxic agents in agriculture
	Z57.5	Occupational exposure to toxic agents in other industries
	Z57.6	Occupational exposure to extreme temperature
Z57.7	Occupational exposure to vibration	

	Z57.8	Occupational exposure to other risk factors
	Z57.9	Occupational exposure to unspecified risk factor
Problems related to housing and economic circumstances (17)	Z58.6	<i>Inadequate drinking-water supply</i>
	Z59.00	<i>Homelessness unspecified</i>
	Z59.01	<i>Sheltered homelessness</i>
	Z59.02	<i>Unsheltered homelessness</i>
	Z59.1	Inadequate housing (lack of heating/space, unsatisfactory surroundings)
	Z59.2	Discord with neighbors, lodgers and landlord
	Z59.3	Problems related to living in residential institution
	Z59.41	<i>Food insecurity</i>
	Z59.48	<i>Other specified lack of adequate food</i>
	Z59.5	Extreme poverty
	Z59.6	Low income
	Z59.7	Insufficient social insurance and welfare support
	Z59.811	<i>Housing instability, housed, with risk of homelessness</i>
	Z59.812	<i>Housing instability, housed, homelessness in past 12 months</i>
	Z59.819	<i>Housing instability, housed unspecified</i>
	Z59.89	<i>Other problems related to housing and economic circumstances</i>
	Z59.9	Problem related to housing and economic circumstances, unspecified
Problems related to social environment (7)	Z60.0	Problems of adjustment to life transitions (life phase, retirement)
	Z60.2	Problems related to living alone
	Z60.3	Acculturation difficulty (migration, social transplantation)
	Z60.4	Social exclusion and rejection (physical appearance, illness, behavior)
	Z60.5	Target of (perceived) adverse discrimination and persecution
	Z60.8	Other problems related to social environment
	Z60.9	Problem related to social environment, unspecified
Problems related to upbringing (19)	Z62.0	Inadequate parental supervision and control
	Z62.1	Parental overprotection
	Z62.21	Child in welfare custody (non-parental family member, foster care)
	Z62.22	Institutional upbringing (orphanage or group home)
	Z62.29	Other upbringing away from parents
	Z62.3	Hostility towards and scapegoating of child
	Z62.6	Inappropriate (excessive) parental pressure
	Z62.810	Personal history of physical and sexual abuse in childhood
	Z62.811	Personal history of psychological abuse in childhood
Z62.812	Personal history of neglect in childhood	

	Z62.813	Personal history of forced labor or sexual exploitation in childhood
	Z62.819	Personal history of unspecified abuse in childhood
	Z62.820	Parent-biological child conflict
	Z62.821	Parent-adopted child conflict
	Z62.822	Parent-foster child conflict
	Z62.890	Parent-child estrangement NEC
	Z62.891	Sibling rivalry
	Z62.898	Other specified problems related to upbringing
	Z62.9	Problem related to upbringing, unspecified
Other problems related to primary support group, including family circumstances (12)	Z63.0	Problems in relationship with spouse or partner
	Z63.1	Problems in relationship with in-laws
	Z63.31	Absence of family member due to military deployment
	Z63.32	Other absence of family member
	Z63.4	Disappearance/death of family member (assumed death, bereavement)
	Z63.5	Disruption of family by separation and divorce (marital estrangement)
	Z63.6	Dependent relative needing care at home
	Z63.71	Stress on family due to return of family from military deployment
	Z63.72	Alcoholism and drug addiction in family
	Z63.79	Other stressful events affecting family/household (ill/disturbed member)
	Z63.8	Other specified problems related to primary support group (discord or estrangement, inadequate support)
	Z63.9	Problem related to primary support group, unspecified
Problems related to psychosocial circumstances (3)	Z64.0	Problems related to unwanted pregnancy
	Z64.1	Problems related to multiparity
	Z64.4	Discord with counselors
Problems related to other psychosocial circumstances (8)	Z65.0	Conviction in civil and criminal proceedings without imprisonment
	Z65.1	Imprisonment and other incarceration
	Z65.2	Problems related to release from prison
	Z65.3	Problems related to other legal circumstances (arrest, custody, litigation)
	Z65.4	Victim of crime and terrorism
	Z65.5	Exposure to disaster, war and other hostilities
	Z65.8	Other specified problems related to psychosocial circumstances (religious or spiritual problem)
	Z65.9	Problem related to unspecified psychosocial circumstances

For further information regarding this process, please contact the PHC Claims Department at (707) 863-4130.