

Collecting social determinants of health data

The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) released *All Plan Letter (APL) 21-009* for the purpose of collecting social determinants of health (SDOH) data. While DHCS encounter data systems accept and allow the use of all ICD-10-CM clinical modifications, DHCS has prioritized 18 SDOH codes, provided below.

Effective January 1, 2022, Anthem Blue Cross will require use of the 18 SDOH ICD-10-CM codes when billing for services.

Please share this information as applicable. If you have questions, contact your Provider Experience representative.

California DHCS priority social determinants of health codes

| Code | Description |
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| Z55.0 | Illiteracy and low-level literacy |
| Z59.0 | Homelessness |
| Z59.1 | Inadequate housing (lack of heating/space, unsatisfactory surroundings) |
| Z59.3 | Problems related to living in residential institution |
| Z59.4 | Lack of adequate food and safe drinking water |
| Z59.7 | Insufficient social insurance and welfare support |
| Z59.8 | Other problems related to housing and economic circumstances (foreclosure, isolated dwelling, problems with creditors) |
| 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 or 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) |

For further details and the complete list of ICD-10-CM codes, please view *Attachment A* within *APL 21-099* in the link provided:

<https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/formsandpubs/Documents/MMCDAPLsandPolicyLetters/APL2021/APL21-009.pdf>.

<https://providers.anthem.com/ca>

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