# Poverty, Health, & Medicaid Reform

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## Promises: Health & Poverty

#### Is it the answer to our health care cost concerns?

- Achieving Better Health at Reduced Cost
  - Accountable Care
  - Value-Based Purchasing
- State Flexibility to Tackle Social Determinants of Health

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## Some Hospitals Prescribe Food, Take Other Steps to Fight Food Insecurity

IRS rules and growing evidence pressure hospitals to do more to fight hunger in their communities.



Kaven Flowers, left, and K'Moira Jackson are two of the thousands of patients who have received free meals from Arkansas Children's Hospital in Little Rock. Courtesy Arkansas Children's Hospital

## Medical Respite Programs

One study found that patients served by medical respite programs were 50% less likely to be readmitted to a hospital within 90 days after discharge compared with those who go directly back onto the street.

Modern Healthcare, Steven Ross Johnson,

http://www.modernhealthcare.com/article/20140322/MAGAZINE/303229937

#### 2016 Map of Medical Respite Programs





### State Flexibility to Tackle Social Determinants of Health through Medicaid

- Regional Care Collaborative Organizations
- Accountable Communities
- Integrated Health **Partnerships**
- Coordinated Care **Organizations**
- Accountable Care **Organizations** (Totally)



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## Implementation

- Partnership
  - Cross Agency & Cross Sector
  - Collaboration & Collective Action
- Community Health Teams
  - Patient & Community Centered
  - Cultural & Linguistic Competence
- Reliable Data Collection
  - Uses: Interventions at Individual & Population Level;
     Rate Setting/Risk Adjustment for Payment; QC
  - Methods: Surveys; Screening; Database Sharing

**High Cost** 

High Need

High Risk

Super Utilizer

Frequent flyer

Complex

**Chronic Conditions** 

Substance Addiction

HIV

Mental health

Criminal Justice Involvement

Pregnant Women

#### The Challenges of Using Medicaid to Tackle Social Determinants of Health

## In many states, "fetal rights" laws are putting pregnant women in jail

https://www.salon.com/2013/10/24/in\_many\_states\_fetal\_rights\_laws\_are\_putting\_pregnant\_women\_in\_jail/

November 18, 2004

#### **No Second Chance**

People with Criminal Records Denied Access to Public Housing

ttps://www.hrw.org/report/2004/11/18/no-second-chance/people-criminal-records-denied-access-public-housing

## Republicans Pave The Way To Drug Test Poor And Jobless http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/unemployment-drug-test\_us\_5899f21be4b0c1284f284bd7

### Wisconsin seeks to mandate drug tests for Medicaid recipients

https://www.hostonglobe.com/news/nation/2017/04/24/wisconsin-seeks-mandate-drug-tests-for-medicaid-recipients/DmFinHzitFL0cyl MOoi9SI/story.html

To Improve Health Care, How Do We Build Trust And Respect For Patients?

By Megan Collado, Tara Oakman, and Mona Shah (9/26/17)

From eleven funded studies, the RWJF and AcademyHealth report early findings about consumers' trust in the health care system. They also announce a Call for Proposals for empirical research to gain understanding of how to build patients' trust and foster mutual respect across the many facets of the system.

http://healthaffairs.org/blog/2017/09/26/to-improve-health-care-how-do-we-build-trust-and-respect-for-patients

## Data Collection

Exhibit 2: Current Data Collection on Common SDOH Domains in Select States\*†

SDOH Domains		KS	MA	MI	NY	OR	TN	VT	WA
	Housing	•	•	~	•	~	•	•	~
	Family and Social Support	~	•	~	•		•	~	~
	Education and/or Literacy	~	•	~		•		•	•
44	Food Security		•	~		~	•	~	~
	Employment	~	•	~	•	~	•	~	~
	Transportation		•	~				~	~
	Criminal Justice Involvement	~	•		•	~		~	•
Å	Intimate Partner Violence		•		•	•			

<sup>\*</sup>Data collected from Medicaid beneficiaries at the individual and/or population level.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>†</sup> Data not systematically collected on the entire Medicaid population.

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