

# HHSC DSRIP Statewide Learning Collaborative 2019

## Critical Areas of Health Care: Social Determinants of Health & Texas MCOs

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# Moving Upstream

## How Health Plans in Texas Address the Social Determinants of Health (SDOH)

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# Policy Momentum for SDOH

**2016**

CMS creates SDOH guidelines for MCOs

**2017**

CMS Funds AHC Model – 3 Texas Sites

**2018**

DHHS Secretary Alex Azar SDOH speech

**2019**

Maternal Health Bill (SB 750) and two bills related to medical transportation (HB 1756 & HB 25) passed in TX Legislative Session

**2019**

Social Determinants Accelerator Act



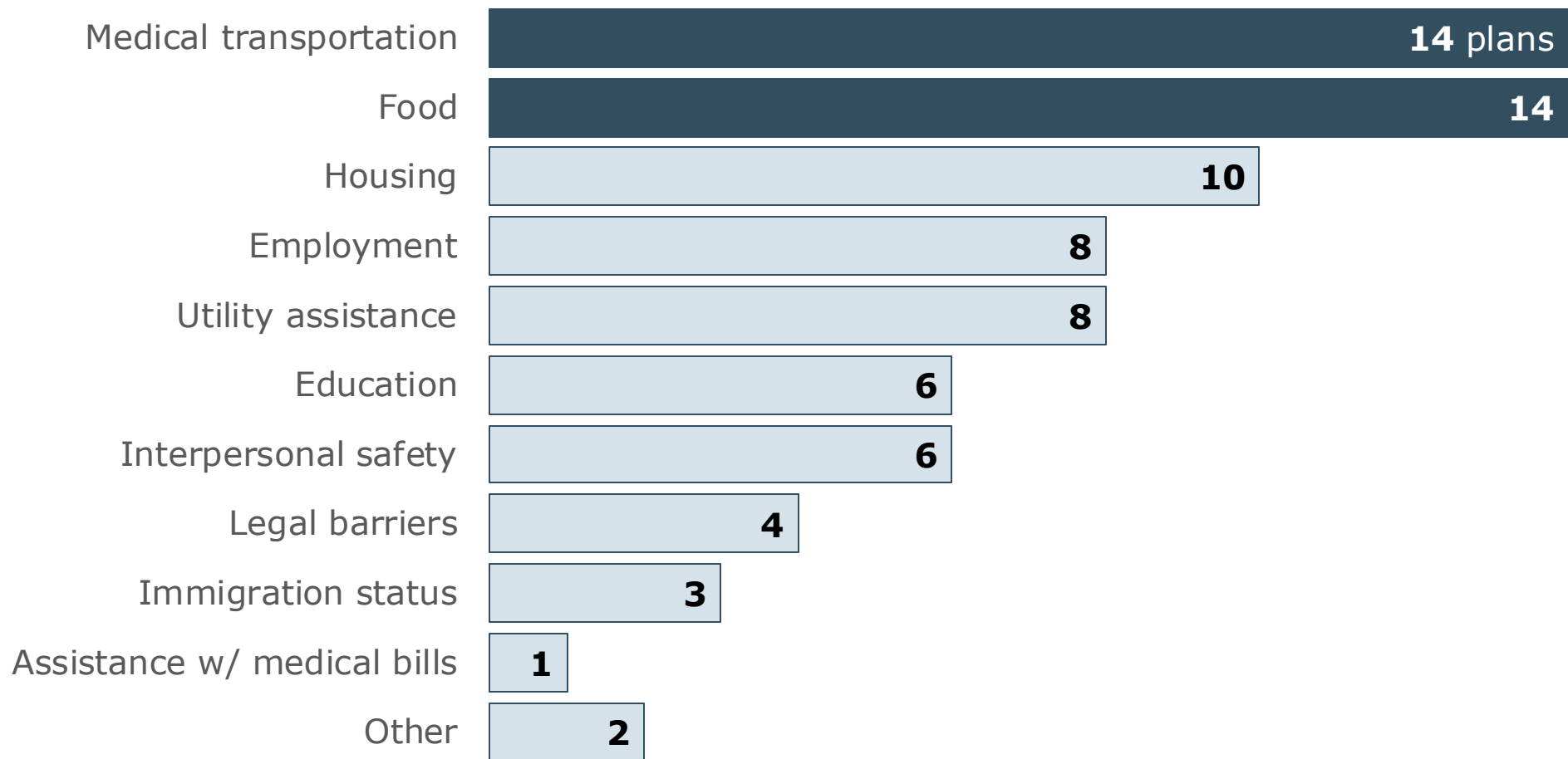
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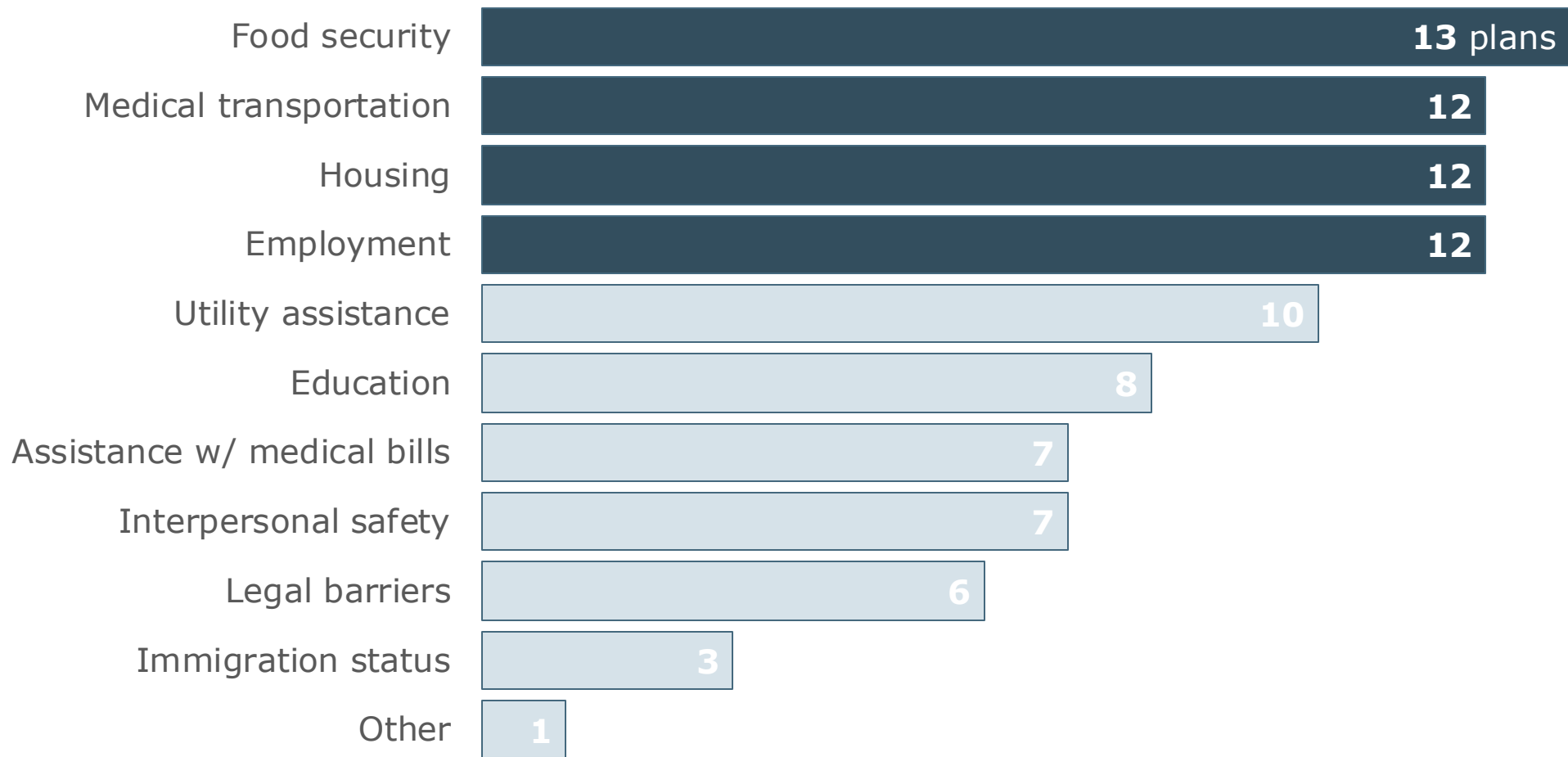
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**Medical transportation** and **food** are the most commonly addressed SDOH.



Not reimbursable by Medicaid, most plans would invest in **food, medical transport, housing, and employment**

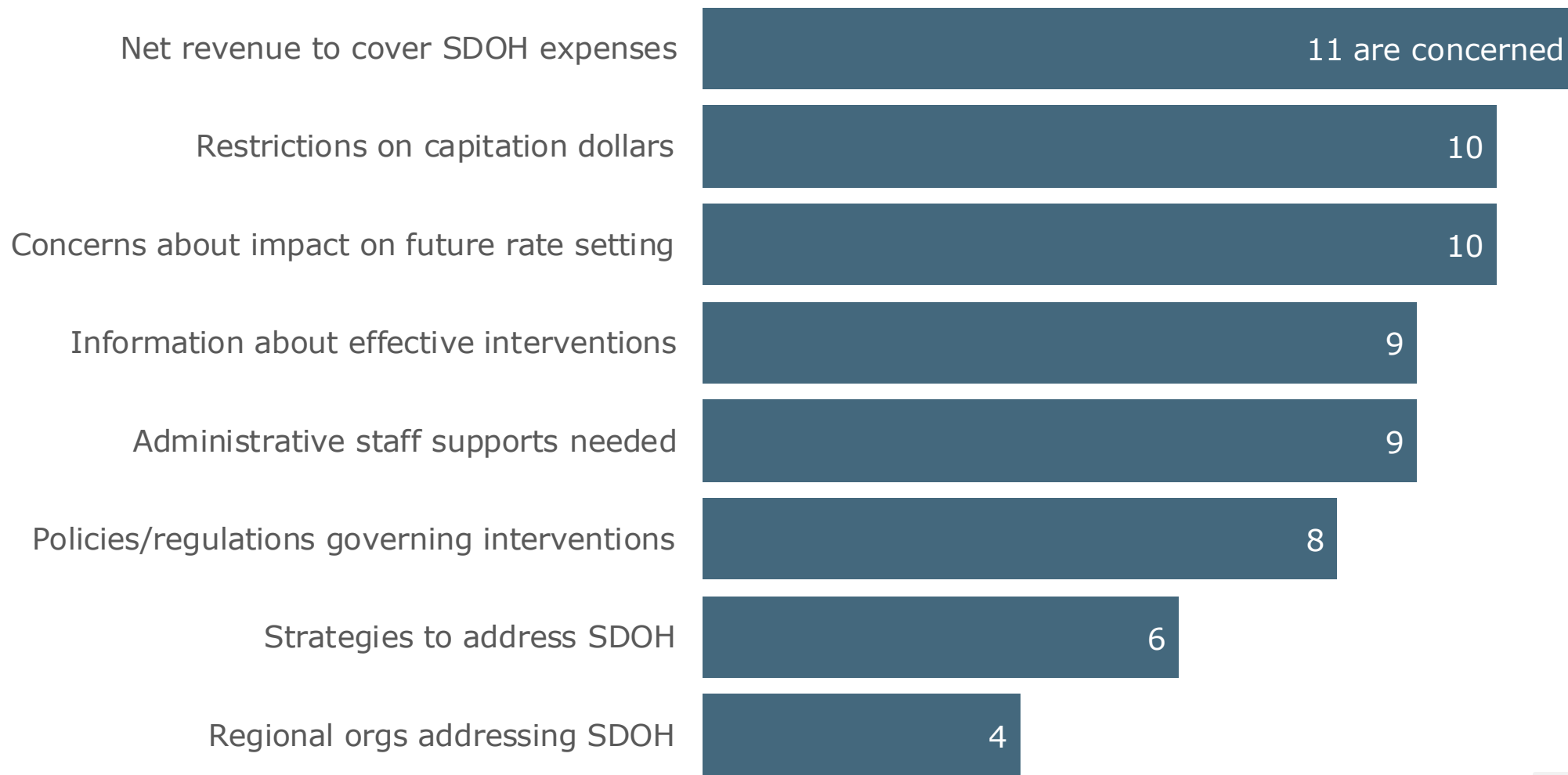




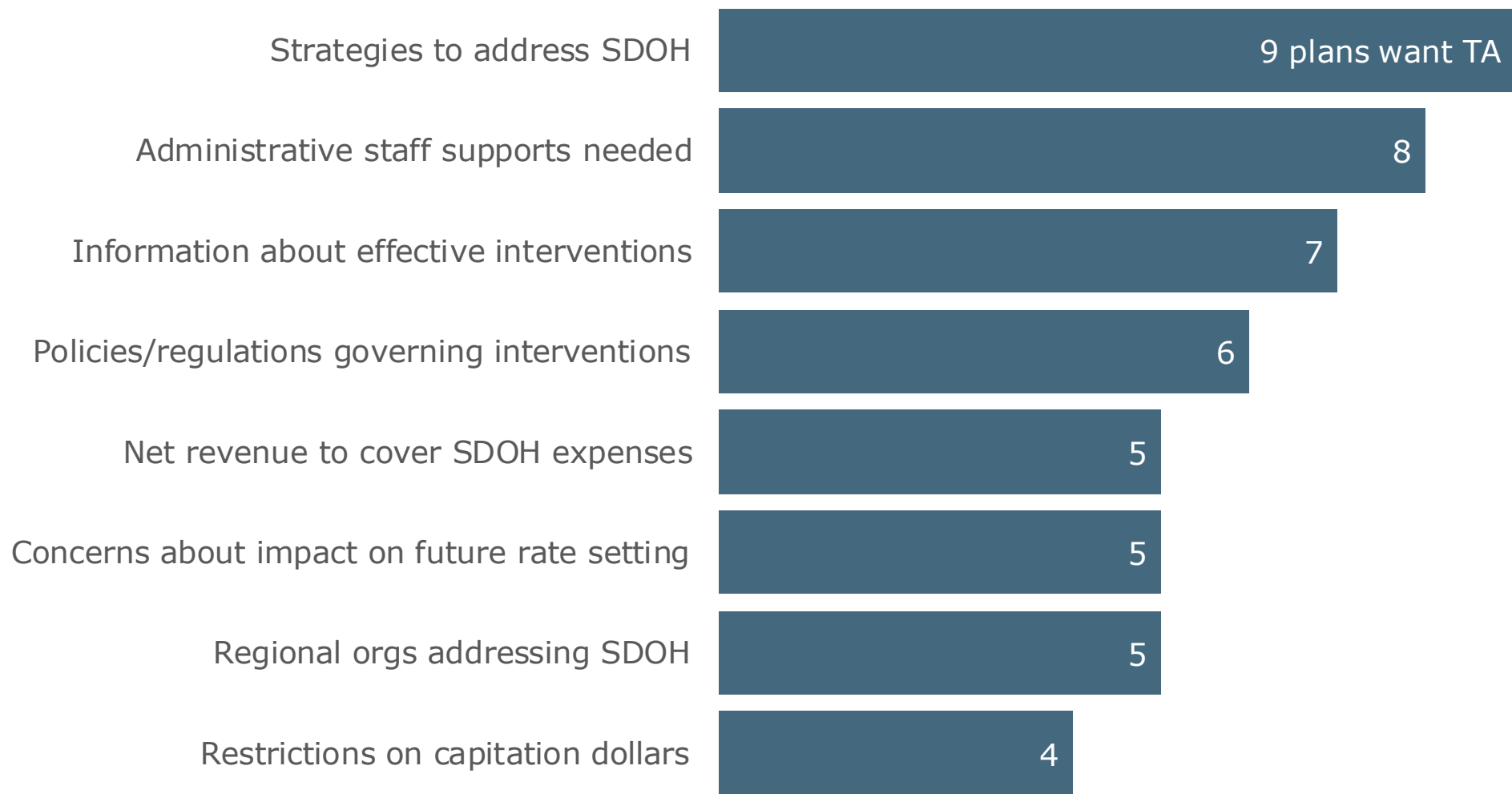
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health plans said they do SDOH work that benefits the entire community, as opposed to their members alone

Plans' biggest concerns about SDOH Work are **financial**.




Among various technical assistance (TA) topics, plans were most interested in **strategies to address SDOH**.






# Key Takeaways



**Screening,  
referral, and  
navigation are  
widely practiced  
by health plans**



**Food  
insecurity and  
transportation  
were the top  
identified  
needs**



**Funding & policy  
environment  
shape SDOH  
work with cost  
being a concern**



**Health plans  
invest beyond  
members and  
report needing  
data/research  
on what works**

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Life Services:

# ADDRESSING THE SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF OUR MEMBERS

**Catherine Mitchell,**  
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# KinderReady

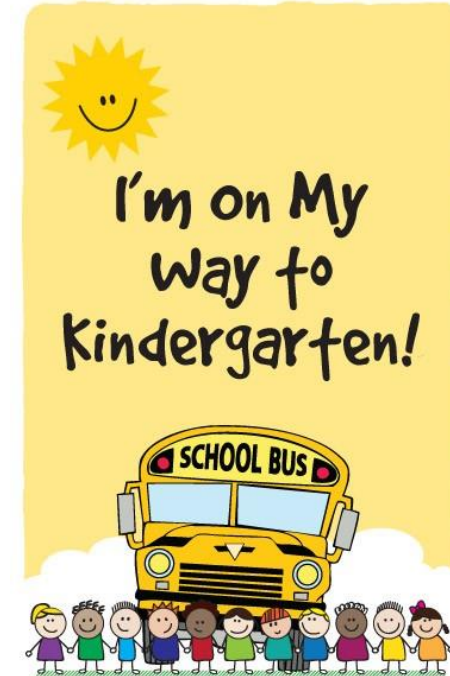
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## Our Goal

- To support high quality preschools for 3 and 4 year olds to increase Kindergarten readiness.

## Our Reason

- Kindergarten readiness is a strong predictor of future academic success.
- Success or failure during kindergarten can influence a child's self-esteem and motivation throughout their schooling.



# San Francisco Nativity Academy

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## KinderReady – Our Plan

1. Support local preschool programs in underserved communities.

*Pilot:*

*San Francisco Nativity Academy beginning Fall 2018*

2. Use a quality curriculum to support kindergarten readiness and assess the children's development.
3. Increase parent/guardian engagement.
4. Provide wellness/preventative care for the students, their families, and surrounding communities.

# Looking forward

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- Support SFNA's Pathway to Sustainability
  - Grant writing
  - Help improve the employability of parents/guardians



# CareerReady

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## Pregnant Women

### Our Goal

- To provide pregnant members with a scholarship to attend HCC to obtain a job certification so they may find a job with a livable, working wage.

### Our Plan

- Recruitment for women began April 2018
- Target Audience:
  - Medicaid
  - 18-30 years old
  - 2 or less children
  - Delivery month after August 2018 enrolled in Spring 2019
- Recruitment approaches:
  - Phone calls
  - Mailing postcards
  - CareerReady website
  - Community events



# CareerReady

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## High School Seniors

### Our Goal

- To provide graduating seniors with a scholarship to attend HCC to obtain a job certification so they may find a job with a livable, working wage.

### Our Plan

- Target Audience:
  - AAMA high school seniors graduating in 2018
- Recruitment:
  - Began promotion in February with information sessions and marketing
  - 12 applicants – 7 females and 5 males
  - Life Services CareerReady cohort will be announced later this month

# CareerReady Eligibility Criteria

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## High School Seniors

- Annual Wellness Exams
- Vision and Dental Screenings
- Financial Literacy Workshop
- Resume/Interview workshops
- Parenting workshops (if they have children)
- Other life enrichment classes

## Pregnant Women

- Prenatal Exams
- Postpartum visits
- Newborn wellness exams
- Newborn immunizations
- Financial Literacy Workshop
- Resume/Interview workshops
- Parenting workshops (if they have children)
- Other life enrichment classes



# CareerReady 2.0

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## Life Coach

Each student and pregnant woman will be assigned a life coach to:

- Provide application assistance
- Make connections to resources to overcome social barriers (transportation, food, etc.)
- Connect to soft skill training (résumés, mock interviews, etc.)
- Assist with employment search
- Provide support throughout the process (estimated time 2 years)

# CareerReady – Job Training

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## High School Students (AAMA)

- EKG Specialists
- Patient Care Technician
- Electrical Technician
- IT Specialists
- Applied Sciences (A.A.)

## Pregnant Women (HCC)

- Patient Care Technician (3 certificates in 1)
- Human Resources
- Medical Business Office Professional
- Construction Management
- Ultrasound Technician
- Applied Sciences (A.A.)



# Call Center – Fast Track Model

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## Background

- Call Center is always in need of representatives
- Scholars coming through our program could be a good source of employee pool as some of them have a customer relations background

## Action

- Operations collaborated with Life Services to source talent
- Identify by using the Fast Forward Analytics test
- Compare with the Call Center Model
- Created new entry level position - Eligibility Verification Representative

## First Wave of Results

- 12 scholars identified as potential candidates

# Supplemental Opportunities

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- Career Ready 2.0 provides 6-month supplemental opportunities (job training)
- Provides transitional paid professional exposure
- Participating Departments
  - Human Resources
  - Community Affairs
- Upcoming departments
  - IT (Sept. 2019)
  - Claims



# Strategic Community Partnerships

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# Our Hypothesis

By building an infrastructure around social determinants of health,  
we can...



Redefine health to consider the  
whole person – not just medical care

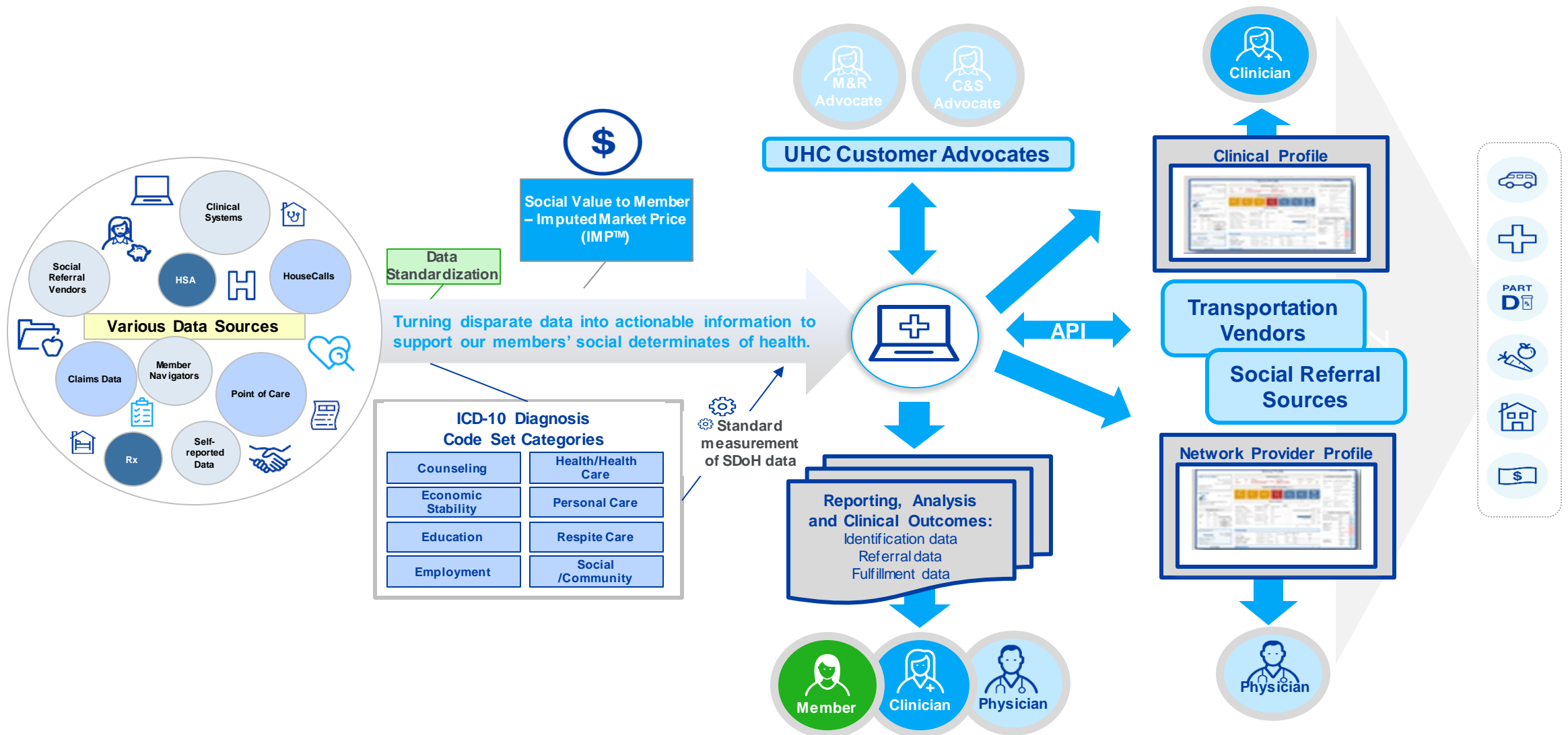


Remove barriers that limit access to care  
and address health disparities




Improve overall health and well being  
of all vulnerable populations

# UnitedHealthcare's SDoH Infrastructure: How it Works



# Driving Innovation & Transformation Across the Industry




## The 2019 Innovator Awards Third-Place Winning Team: UnitedHealthcare

*Leaders at UnitedHealthcare have implemented a program that is incorporating social determinants of health data into clinician workflow processes in order to improve care management and enhance plan members' health*

BY MARK HAGLAND — MARCH 26, 2019

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What does it mean to rethink a long-held paradigm? In the case of leaders from UnitedHealthcare (UHC), it means a lot of thought, a lot of planning, and a lot of work. But unlocking the potential in truly harnessing social determinants of health data to support

Recognized for incorporating **social determinants** into clinician workflow to improve care management and enhance health



# Data, Technology + Relationships to address Social Determinants

2.5M

UnitedHealthcare beneficiaries self-identified at least one SDoH

758K+ referrals provided to over 600K individuals

\$827M+

Imputed Market Price™ value provided to members

**AARP** Foundation  
For a future without senior poverty.

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# ICD-10 Code Expansion to Address Social Determinants

**Our proposal to add 23 new codes to the ICD-10-CM code set.**

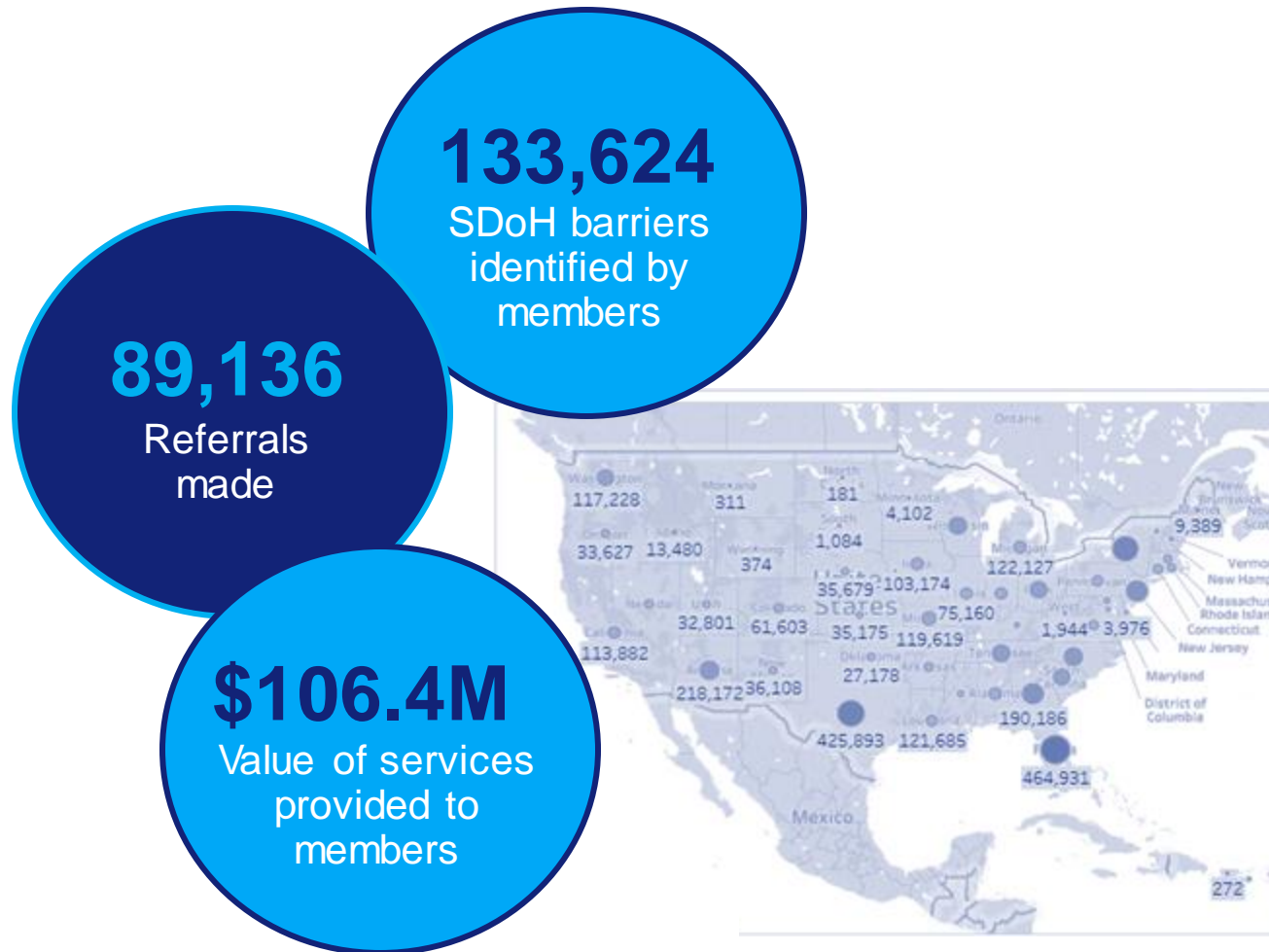
## Strong Support from Industry Partners








## ICD-10 Committee Timeline

-  **April/May 2019:** Two-month comment period
-  **Nov. 2019:** Committee decision, next steps
-  **Nov. 2020:** If approved, new codes available for adoption and use

# Social Determinants of Health by the Numbers



## Top 5 social barriers to care in Texas

	1	Lack of adequate food and safe drinking water	24,023
	2	Unable to pay for utilities	22,099
	3	Unable to pay for transportation for medical appointments or prescriptions	14,761
	4	Unable to pay for medical care	10,356
	5	Need for assistance at home and no other household member able to render care	9,581

## UHC Houston Housing and Health:

- Supports medically vulnerable homeless Medicaid members persistently utilize ER
- Move members from bedside into units and wrap in...
  - Primary and specialty care (in collaboration with healthcare for the homeless FQHCs)
  - Social services
  - Entitlement linkages
  - Condition-based nutrition support
  - Behavioral healthcare
- 3<sup>rd</sup> year of these programs and expanding to 20 markets before end of 2019



## Alief Clinic in Houston

- Improving access to underserved populations through...
  - Primary and specialty care
  - Social services
  - Behavioral healthcare

# What Steps Can be Taken Now?

February 18, 2018

ICD-10-CM Cooperating Parties approved and the American Hospital Association (AHA) Coding Clinic published advice that allows the reporting of codes from categories Z55-Z65, based on information documented by all clinicians\* involved in the care of the patient.

- Support the use of self-reported data. (AHA Coding Clinic will be recommending use to the ICD-10 Committee in August 2019)
- Document known social determinants of health (SDoH)
- Communicate this change to your organizations and billing staff

# What We All Can Do – Together



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Parkland

# Social Determinants of Health and Asthma



# Why Asthma

- Most common childhood chronic disease for PCHP members – 13.5%
- More common in Medicaid population
- Leading cost driver of preventable ER visits in children on Medicaid in Texas



# PCHP Asthma Program History

- Launched the asthma disease management program in 2004 to including:
  - ✓ Home visits
  - ✓ Telephonic education
  - ✓ Managing **all** children w/asthma regardless of age
- Presented a paper on home visits in 2008 at the Disease Management Forum [recognized by Managed Care Executive as leader in Disease Management]
- In 2014, developed a predictive model with Parkland Center for Clinical Innovation (PCCI)
- In 2016, worked w/Dallas Area Interfaith to revise City Housing Code – the new code passed in 2017
- In 2018, launched a joint effort w/Region VI HHS EPA Office of Indoor Air Quality and Dallas City Code Enforcement Division



# PCHP Asthma Program History

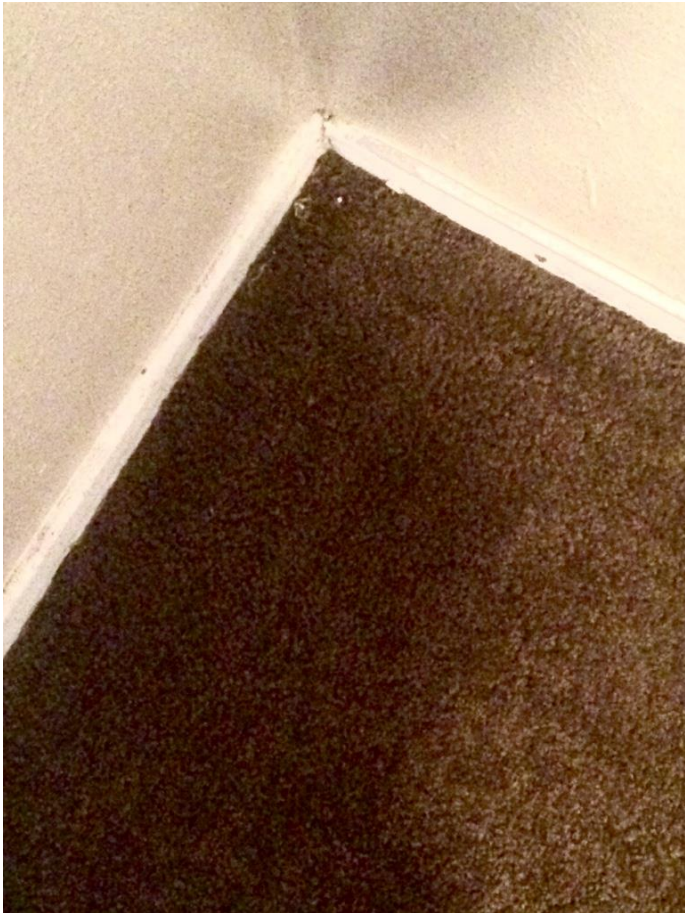
- Began working on the outdoor air quality through County Commissioner Office regarding zoning permits for polluting concrete plants in Joppa Community in South Dallas
- Dr. Barry Lachman has been leading the statewide initiative on Clinical Quality Network Project of American Academy of Pediatrics and Texas Pediatric Society



# Changing the Housing Code DAI

- Dallas Area Interfaith identified housing as a priority of those in Bachman Lake
- Walking tour of 11 apartment buildings
- Community Meeting attended by over 200 people
- Linked asthma to indoor air quality using Inner City Asthma Study and EPA publication
- Media outlets via Dallas Morning News and all Dallas TV news outlets
- Joint Statement supporting changes with landlord association
- New Code hailed as toughest in the nation passed by 13-1 vote w/one dissenter wanting tougher changes

# The Walkthrough – Moldy Carpet | Bulging Ceiling



# At City Council

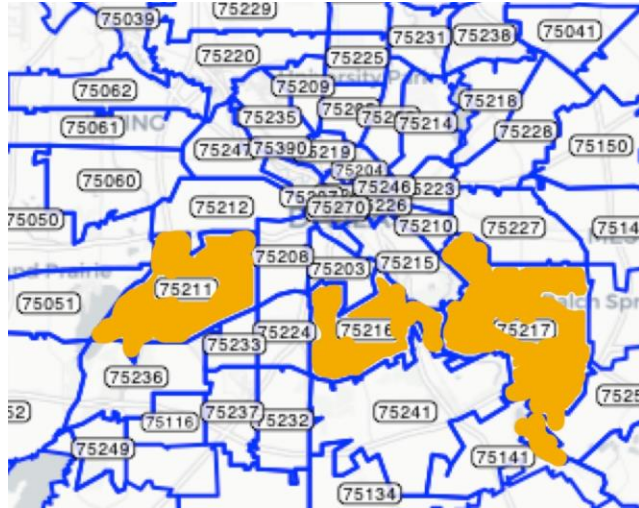


# Follow-up on Code Changes

- Convened meeting with Code Enforcement, EPA representative and PCHP staff
- Developed EPA approved environmental assessment for Health Coaches doing home visits
- Implemented program earlier this year
- Over 100 Housing units with assessments
- 2/3 have housing code violations that would effect asthma



# Asthma Severity by Zip Code



	Hi/Vhigh	total members	%total VHH
75216 Cedar Crest	863	6,487	13.3%
75217 South Dallas	954	9,103	10.5%
75211 OakCliff	688	6,598	10.4%
75228 East Dallas	520	5,711	9.1%
75165 Waxahatchie	181	2,623	6.9%
75212 West Dallas	86	3,215	2.7%
75060 Irving	133	4,337	3.1%
75149 Mesquite	51	4,006	1.3%
	3476	42,080	

# Next Steps

- Tenants afraid of landlord retaliation even though code makes it a felony to harass a tenant
- Working with UNT Public Health Student and with providers identified multi family residential housing as reason for high levels in the target zip codes
- Work with PCCI to develop block and address level geo mapping
- City Code Enforcement as agreed to do targeted code enforcement in high acuity areas

