



# MSHIELD

MICHIGAN SOCIAL HEALTH INTERVENTIONS  
to ELIMINATE DISPARITIES

## Health Equity & Social Determinants of Health

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# Agenda

1. Defining Terms: Shared Language
2. Who is MSIELD?
3. Addressing Social Needs: Community-Clinical Partnerships
4. Building a Culture of Equity
5. SDOH Data & Measuring Health Equity in Anesthesiology
6. Discussion



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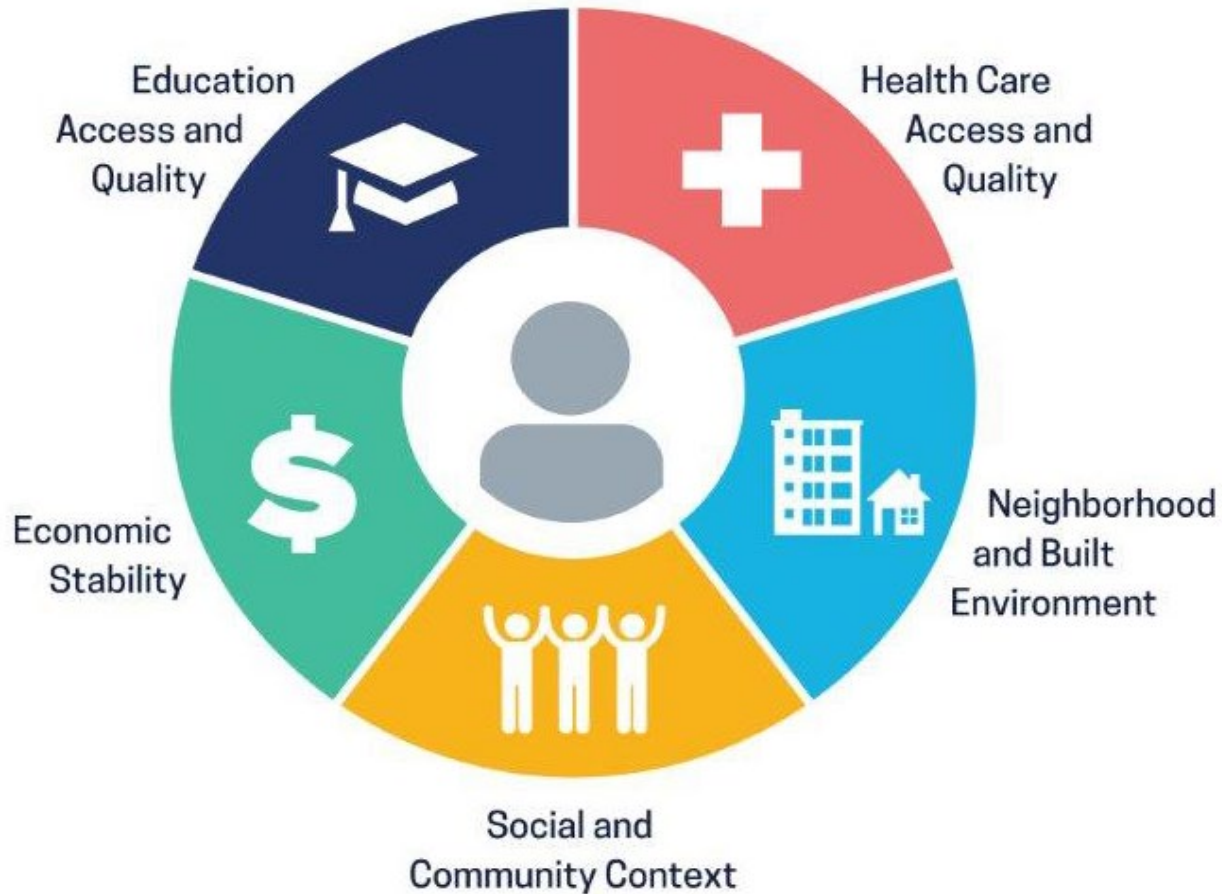


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# Shared Language

Concepts from AMA's [Advancing Health Equity Guide](#)

# SDOH are the conditions in which we live, grow, work, and play



Neither present nor absent  
Neither positive nor negative  
Vocabulary matters to guide  
interventions

# Social determinants of health v. social health needs



Access to  
food



Living  
situation



Access to  
transportation

**Social Determinants  
of Health**

**Social Health Needs**

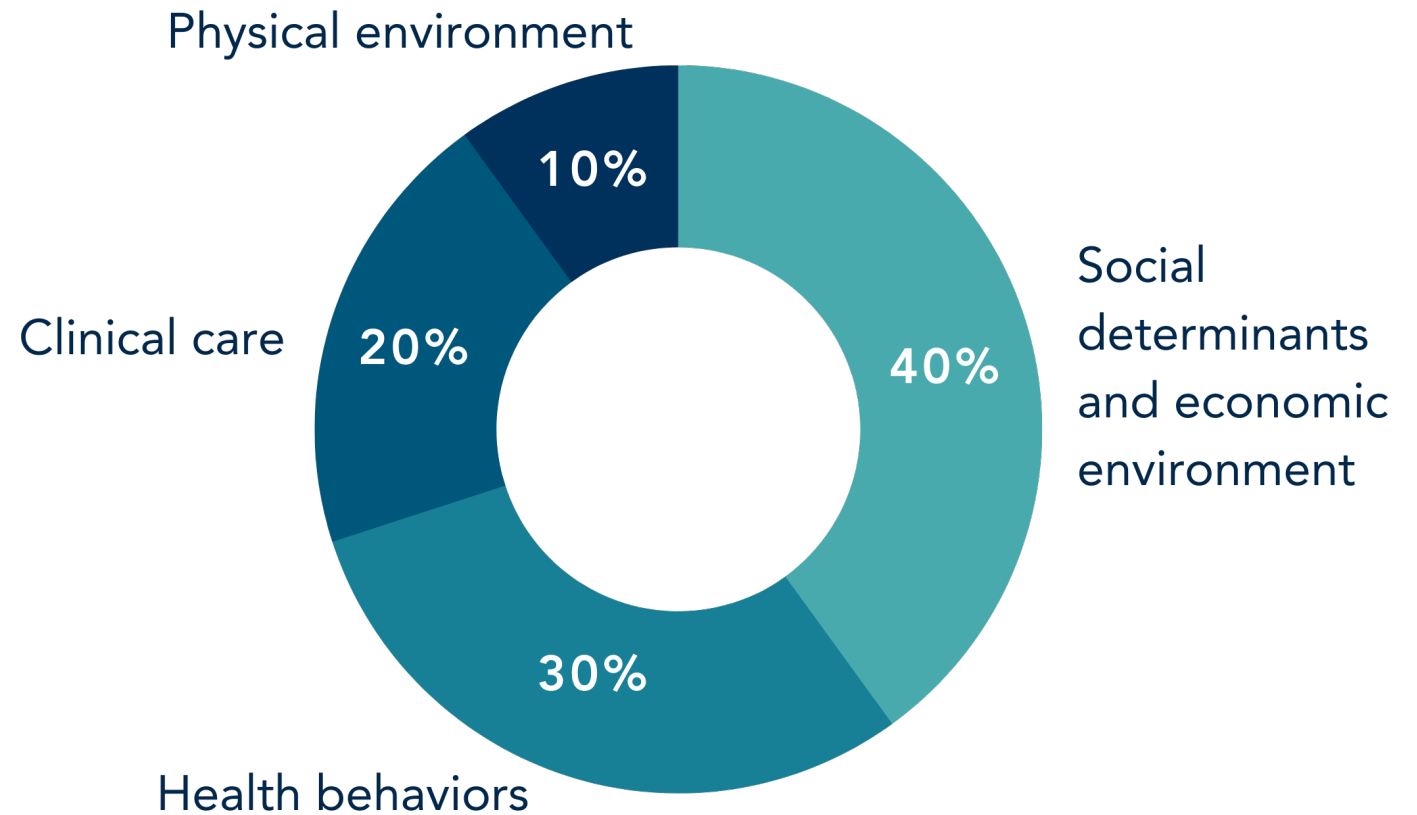
Food  
Insecurity

Housing  
Instability

Lack of  
Transportation

To achieve the best outcomes for all patients,  
we must address the key drivers of health

**80% of our health**  
is determined by  
non-clinical factors



**Pursuing health equity means striving for the highest possible standard of health for all people** and giving special attention to the needs of those at greatest risk of poor health, based on social conditions.

*Paula Braveman, MD, MPH*





Health Equity is the Future of  
Quality Improvement.

# MSHIELD is here to help CQIs

MSHIELD's mission is to empower CQIs to lead **the future of quality improvement** which achieves whole health for all people by integrating social care and clinical care, using data to drive health equity, and fostering a culture of anti-racism.

Our vision is data-driven, community-partnered, equity-centered quality improvement.

MSHIELD supports CQIs and their participating providers to identify health inequities, address social health needs, and achieve equitable health outcomes for **all** patients:

### Community-Clinical Partnerships



Collaborating with community and clinical partners to close the gap between healthcare and social service systems across the state.

### Culture of Equity



Empowering CQIs as they root themselves in valuing, promoting, and demonstrating equity and anti-racism in quality improvement.

### Data Strategy & Quality



Supporting CQIs to use their data to identify health inequities and develop equity-focused quality improvement goals.



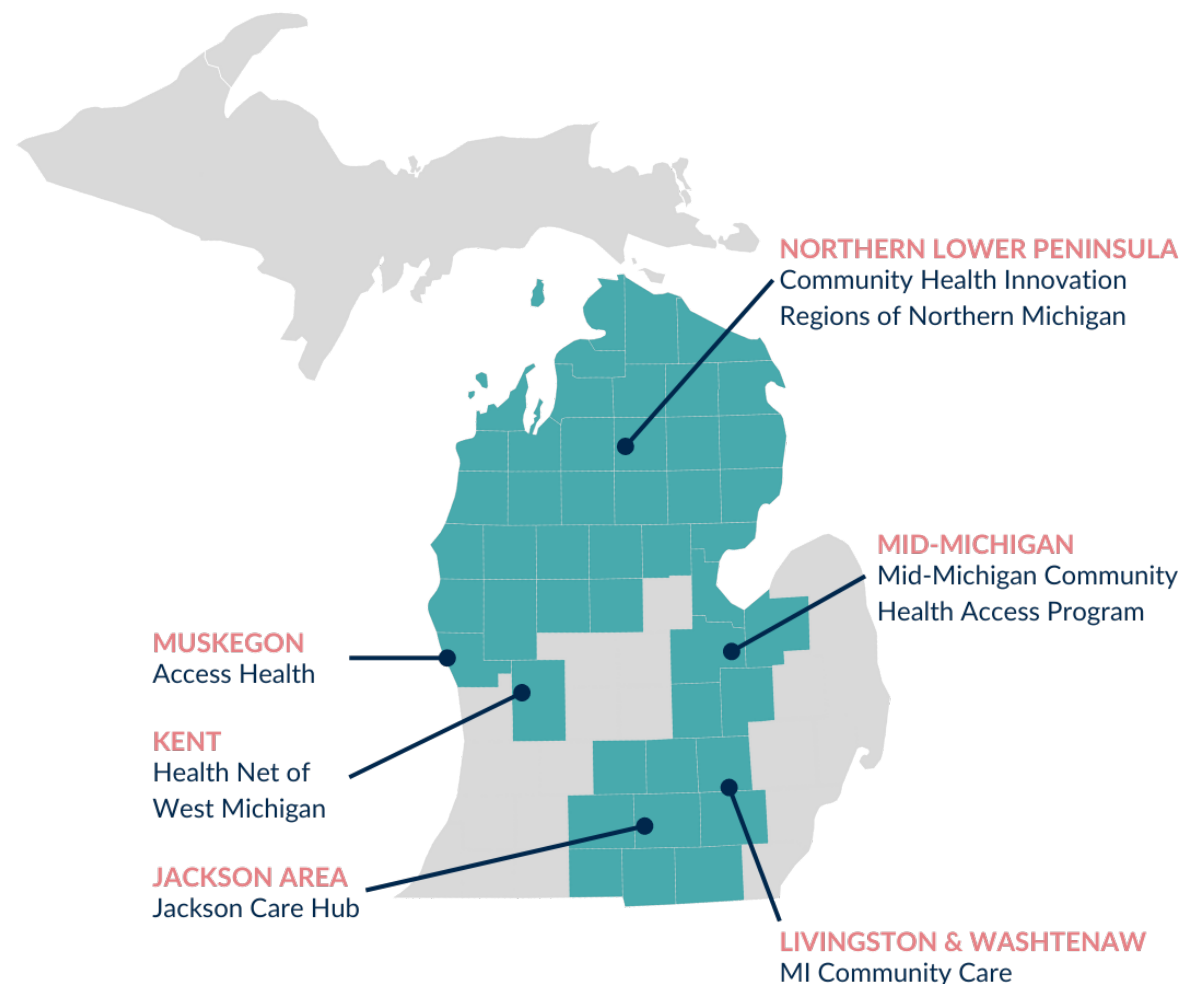
# Our Partners

To address patients' social health needs, MSIELD works with **transformative community hubs** across Michigan:

- Community hubs are regional networks of community-based organizations that provide care coordination services and connect patients to community resources
- Hubs work at the person, provider, and systems levels to ensure that community systems align to meet residents' needs

**To learn more about our partners, visit:**

[www.michiganshield.org/partners](http://www.michiganshield.org/partners)






# Health Equity Champions

- ✓ Goal: to grow each CQI's knowledge of health equity and anti-racism
- ✓ Identify opportunities to incorporate a health equity and anti-racist approach in the work of each CQI
- ✓ Commit to 5 hours/month of critical reflection, action labs, and self-guided tasks

**Every CQI has a Health Equity Champion!**

# Measuring Health Equity

- **Collecting Key Demographic Data:** Best practices for collecting race, ethnicity, language, sexual orientation, gender identity, and disability data
- **“Measuring Health Equity Roadshow”** presentation continues to make the rounds
- Data Consultations with **Matthias Kirch**



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## EVALUATING SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH

Best Practices, Opportunities, and Resources for Collaborative Quality Initiatives



# A Shifting Landscape

## *National Health Equity Quality Measures*

- The National Committee on Quality Assurance (NCQA) regularly reviews and updates Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS) measures used by health plans, hospitals and practices to measure health care quality
- In 2023, **NCQA introduced new HEDIS measures focused on health equity**





# A Shifting Landscape

## *National Health Equity Quality Measures*

- **New measures on Data Equity:**

- Race/Ethnicity stratification for existing measures
- Inclusivity of gender identity to capture sexual and gender minority members in value sets, such as those focused on pregnancy

- **New measures on Social Needs Screening:**

- Capture screening and intervention on unmet food, housing, and transportation needs






What is the role of  
the anesthesiologist  
in health equity?

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# Moving from observations to improvements

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- Have you observed any patient-specific factors that affect clinical outcomes? What resources could help improve outcomes for those patients?
- Have you observed any issues of equity in your care of patients?
- Is there information about patients that could help you provide better care? Is that information available? Missing?



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## Thank You!

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