

EQRS News Flash

Social Drivers of Health (SDOH) Patient Screening Attestations Available in EQRS

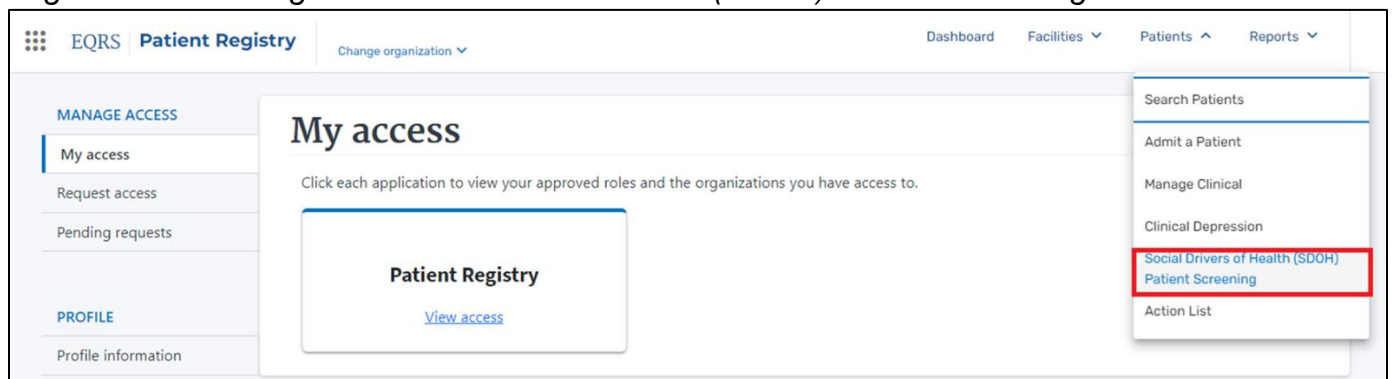
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On January 1, 2025, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) released the Social Drivers of Health (SDOH) patient screening attestations in the End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Quality Reporting System (EQRS). These attestations will be used to calculate the SDOH Screening Reporting measure and Screen Positive Rate for SDOH Reporting measure, which are part of the payment year 2027 ESRD Quality Incentive Program (QIP) measure set. Further information on these measures is available at: <https://www.cms.gov/files/document/cy-2025-final-technical-specifications.pdf> (beginning on page 40).

Submitting SDOH Patient Screening Attestations

To access the SDOH Patient Screening attestation, log in to the *Patient Registry* and select **Social Drivers of Health (SDOH) Patient Screening** from the *Patients* drop-down tab (Figure 1).

Figure 1. Accessing the Social Drivers of Health (SDOH) Patient Screening



Select a Facility and Assessment Period (Figure 2).

Figure 2. Choose Facility and Assessment Period

Social Drivers of Health (SDOH) Patient Screening

The Screening for Social Drivers of Health measure assesses the total number of patients, aged 18 years and older, screened for social risk factors (specifically, food insecurity, housing instability, transportation needs, utility difficulties, and interpersonal safety) during an inpatient facility stay, or during established care in the case of dialysis facilities. The measure cohort includes patients who are admitted to an inpatient facility or who have established care in the case of dialysis facilities and are 18 years or older on the date of admission or on the date of established care in the case of dialysis facilities.

All submitted attestations remain editable while the submission period is open.

1. Select a facility

ABC DIALYSIS
CCN: 123456 • EQRS Facility ID: 300000060

2. Choose an assessment period

Assessment Period
Select one
All Assessment Periods
01/01/2025 - 12/31/2025 (Open)

Once you select the Assessment Period, a list of eligible patients appears. Click **Enter Screening Data** to begin entering screening data for each patient (Figure 3).

Figure 3. Select Patients

Patient: Search patients (EQRS ID or name)

Screening Status: All screening statuses

127 results

Patient	Assessment Period	Submission Period Status	Last Edited	Date Submitted	Screening Status	Actions
MOUSE, MICKEY 1234567891	01/01/2025 - 12/31/2025	Open Due	--	--	Not submitted	Enter Screening Data
MOUSE, MINNIE 1987654321	01/01/2025 - 12/31/2025	Open Due	--	--	Not submitted	Enter Screening Data

For each patient, enter whether the patient underwent screening for all SDOH factors during the assessment period (Figure 4). Users must select **Yes** or **No**.

Figure 4. Enter SDOH Screening Attestation

*Has this patient been screened for the SDOH factors for assessment period 01/01/2025 - 12/31/2025 ?

Yes No

If the patient was screened for all SDOH factors during the assessment period, select **Yes**. If the patient was not screened for all SDOH factors during the assessment period, users must select **No** and select the reason a patient was not screened (Figure 5). Once the attestation is completed, click **Submit Screening** (Figure 5).

Figure 5. Enter Reason Not Screened for 'No' Responses

*Has this patient been screened for the SDOH factors for assessment period 01/01/2025 - 12/31/2025?

Yes No

*Select a reason patient was not screened:

Opted out from screening

Patient was unable to complete screening during their admission and has no legal guardian or caregiver able to do so on the patient's behalf

No screening was performed, with no reason given

Close **Submit Screening**

Submitting Patient Screening Results

If the patient was screened, indicate whether the patient's screening result was positive for each of the SDOH factors. Select **Yes** if the patient screened positive during the assessment period, and **No** if the patient did not screen positive (Figure 6). Once screening results are entered, click **Submit Screening** (Figure 6).

Figure 6. Enter Screening Results

*Has this patient been screened for the SDOH factors for assessment period 01/01/2025 - 12/31/2025?

Yes No

If the patient was screened, was the screening result positive for the SDOH factors below?

SDOH FACTOR	YES	NO
Food Insecurity	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Housing Instability	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Transportation Needs	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Utility Difficulties	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Interpersonal Safety	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Close **Submit Screening**

Reviewing and Editing Patient SDOH Screening Attestations

Once attestations are entered, users may edit patient screening information during the open assessment period (Figure 7).

Figure 7. View/Edit Patient SDOH Screening Attestations

Patient		Screening Status				
Search patients (EQRS ID or name)		All screening statuses				
127 results						
Patient	Assessment Period	Submission Period Status	Last Edited	Date Submitted	Screening Status	Actions
MOUSE, MICKEY 1234567891	01/01/2025 - 12/31/2025	Open Due	01/15/2025	01/15/2025	Submitted	View/Edit
MOUSE, MINNIE 1987654321	01/01/2025 - 12/31/2025	Open Due	--	--	Not submitted	Enter Screening Data

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