

Provider SDoH Incentive FAQs

1. Who is eligible to receive the SDoH Provider incentive?

Any Meridian Medicaid Plan, YouthCare, and Wellcare By Meridian contracted provider, health system, or hospital who submits eligible ICD-10 Z-code claims can receive the z-code incentive. Providers who have established a supplemental data feed with Meridian, submit SDoH screening data and include rendering TIN on records submitted through supplemental data can receive the screening incentive.

2. What is the monetary incentive?

The incentive includes \$1.00 per unduplicated z-code 55 through 65 or 75.3 claim submitted to the health plan. There is a maximum incentive of 100 z-code claims per NPI per quarter.

A \$5.00 per member per year incentive for completing member SDoH screening and sharing results with the health plan through an established supplemental data feed. The screening must include at least one question on housing, transportation, and food insecurity.

3. Is there a limit to an incentive amount a provider group or health system can earn?

Meridian will reimburse up to 100 Z-code 55-65 or 75.3 claims per NPI per quarter for each associated TIN. If a provider is employed by two different health systems, they can submit up to 100 z-code 55-65 or 75.3 claims per health system.

Meridian will only reimburse one SDoH screening per member per year to eligible participants.

4. Who will receive payment?

All payments will be made to the rendering health system or provider group affiliated TIN, based on contract specifications.

5. When will I receive payment?

The incentive will be paid about three months after each quarter to the affiliated TIN address.

- The affiliated TIN address must earn a minimum of \$50 in SDoH incentive to receive payment at the end of the quarter.
- Any unpaid incentive will roll over to the following quarter until the \$50 incentive minimum is met. Unpaid roll over can only accumulate until the end of the calendar year.

6. How can I receive the SDoH screening incentive?

Incentive payments will be issued to the rendering provider Tax Identification Number (TIN) associated with the submitted SDoH screening as represented on the supplemental data file.

7. Can I receive the SDOH screening incentive if I administer SDOH screenings with my patients and document them in the EMR?

No. To be eligible for the SDOH screening incentive, completed screenings must be submitted through a Meridian established supplemental data feed.

Meridian is unable to reliably verify the **origin and completeness** of SDOH screenings documented solely within EMR systems, which limits our ability to accurately attribute the screening to the rendering provider and issue payment. Additionally, SDOH screening tools are not consistently configured across all EMR platforms, which may delay Meridian's ability to review screening results and respond in a timely manner.

8. What is the SNS-E HEDIS® measure?

Social Need Screening and Intervention (SNS-E) is an electronic HEDIS® measure. SNS-E evaluates the percentage of patients who are screened for housing, food, and transportation needs using a valid screening tool at least once per measurement period. Patients with positive screening must receive an intervention within one month of the positive screening.

9. Is there a list of valid SDOH screenings that meet the SNS-E HEDIS measure?

Below is a list of valid screening tools. For a full list of all screenings that meet the SNS-E HEDIS® measure, reference the HEDIS Quick Reference Guide under the SNS-E section.

- [CMS Accountable Health Community \(AHC\) Health-Related Social Needs \(HRSN\) Screening Tool](#)
- [Protocol for Responding to and Assessing Patients Assets, Risks, and Experiences \(PRAPARE\)](#)
- [Health Leads Screening Panel](#)
- [WellRX Questionnaire](#)
- Meridian DoH Mini-Screener

10. What LOINC meets the SNS-E HEDIS measure?

Please review the HEDIS® Quick Reference Guide under the SNS-E section or the Provider SDOH Incentive Provider flyer for a full list of acceptable Logical Observation Identifiers Names and Codes (LOINC) that meet the SNS-E HEDIS measure.

The Meridian guide can be located at: ILMeridian.com/HEDIS

The YouthCare guide can be located at: ILYouthCare.com/HEDIS