

# IHCP *bulletin*

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## IHCP encourages the use of social determinants of health diagnosis coding

The Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP) is charged with meeting the healthcare needs of Indiana’s most vulnerable populations. To meet this challenge, the IHCP recognizes that social and economic factors have a meaningful impact on health outcomes. An important step in mitigating the negative impact of these factors is properly identifying, tracking, and evaluating the social determinants that may adversely affect positive health outcomes for IHCP members.



Toward that goal, the IHCP encourages all providers to begin recording data on members’ social determinants of health using the International Classification of Disease (ICD), version 10, diagnosis code range of Z55-Z65. These diagnosis codes should be included on IHCP claims, as appropriate. Providers may use notes from any member of the care team, such as social workers, nurses, or case managers, as evidence to code for potential health risks posed by social, economic, or psychological concerns not typically included in clinical diagnoses. The diagnosis codes associated with social determinants of health are included in Table 1.

*Table 1 – ICD-10 range-of-diagnosis codes associated with social determinants of health*

<b>Diagnosis code</b>	<b>Description</b>
Z55	Problems related to education and literacy
Z56	Problems related to employment and unemployment
Z57	Occupational exposure to risk factors
Z58	Problems related to physical environment (excluding occupational exposure)
Z59	Problems related to housing and economic circumstances
Z60	Problems related to social environment
Z62	Problems related to upbringing
Z63	Other problems related to primary support group, including family circumstances
Z64	Problems related to certain psychosocial circumstances
Z65	Problems related to other psychosocial circumstances

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