# Measuring actionable social determinants of health to improve health care access

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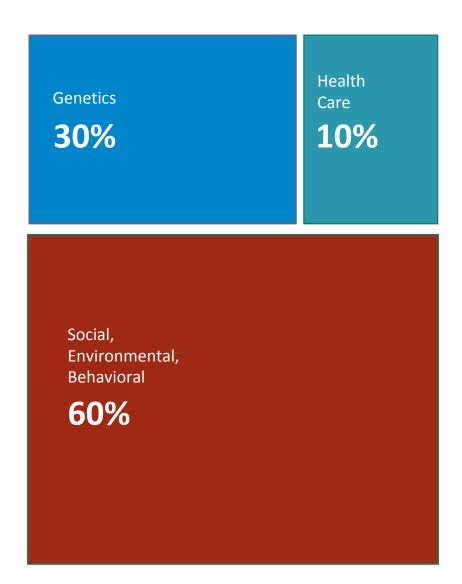
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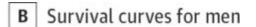
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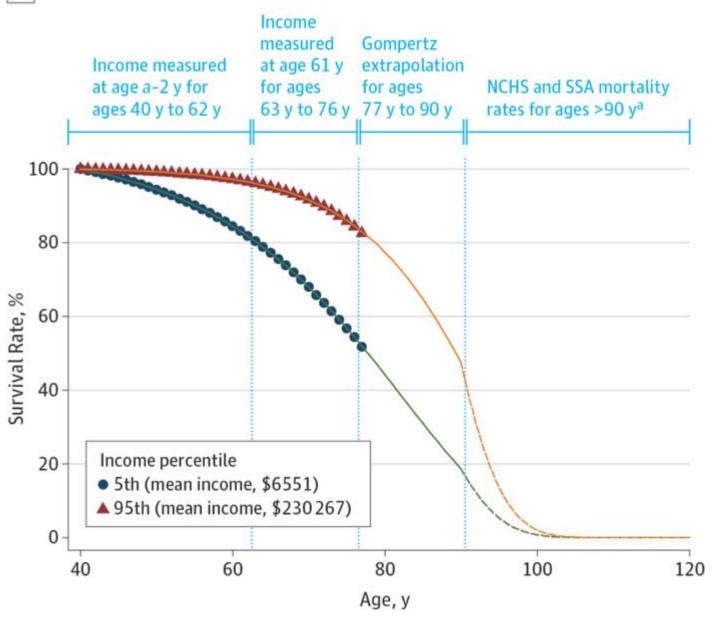




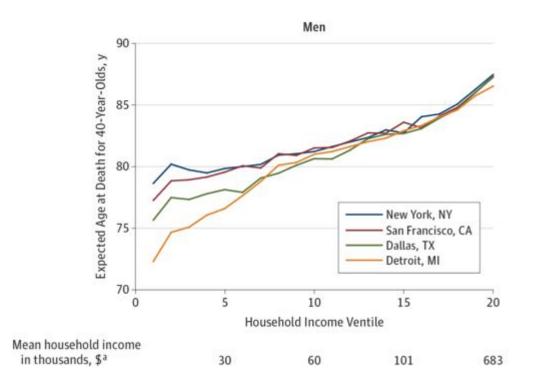


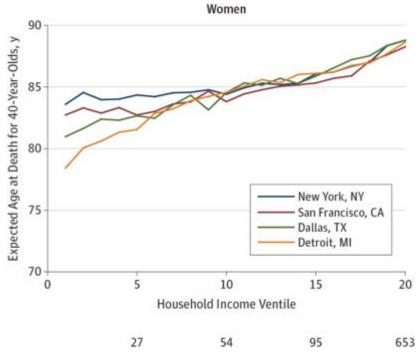
















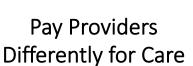
## The changing health care landscape



## Payment reform









Providers Change Their Behavior

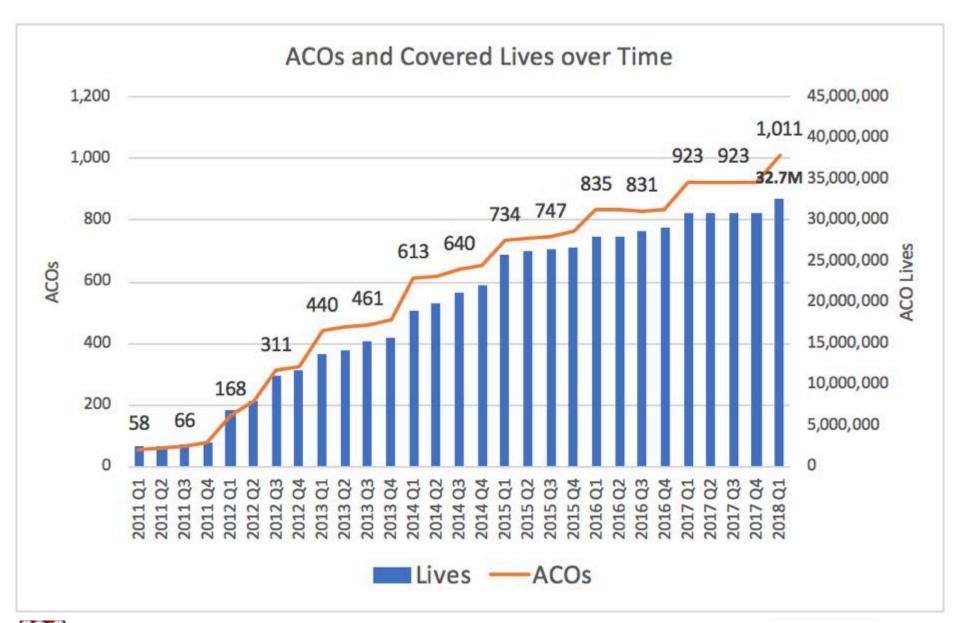


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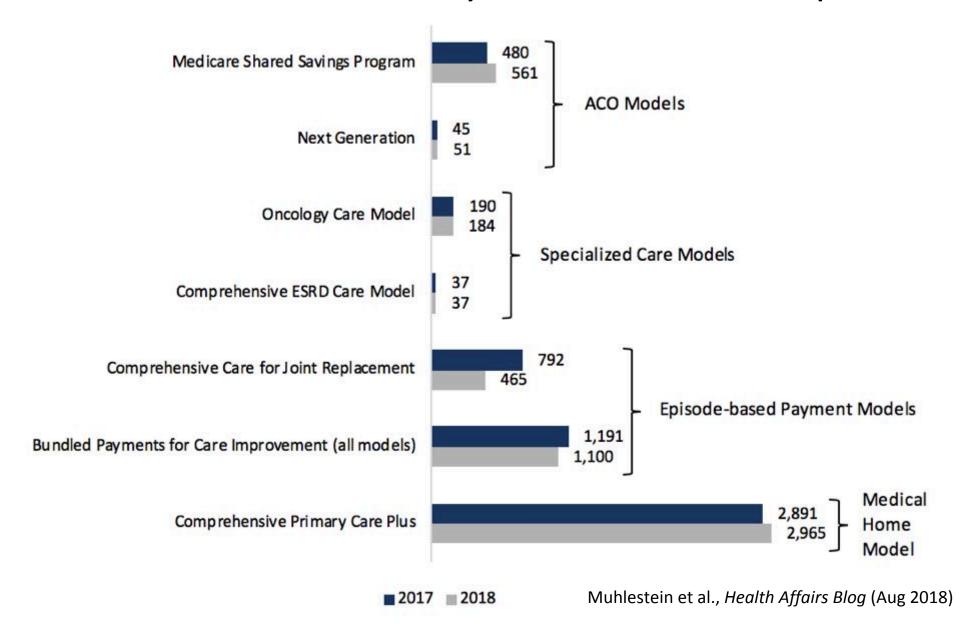
**Lower Costs** 







#### Medicare Alternative Payment Model Participants





## Financial

# imperative: Payers can't control costs without addressing social determinants

By Shelby Livingston



Volunteers for Project Angel Food prepare medically tailored meals for the seriously ill. L.A. Care Health Plan provided a \$150,000 grant for a pilot project to prove healthy meals can reduce readmissions. (L.A. Care Health Plan)

The movement to better address the social and environmental factors that affect health has insurance companies and other payers looking beyond the hospital or clinic and stepping into the community to give patients help where it's needed.



Genetics
30%

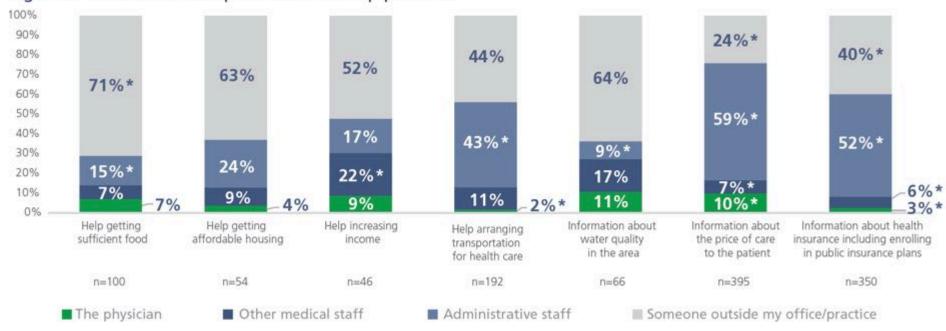
Health
Care
10%

Social,
Environmental,
Behavioral
60%





Figure 6: Individuals best positioned to help patients



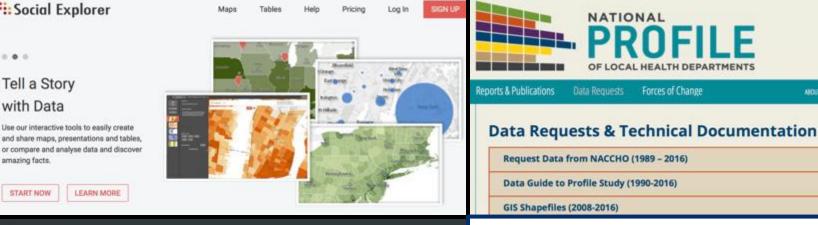
Source: Authors' analysis of Leavitt Partners survey, 2017



<sup>\*</sup>Asterisks indicate statistically meaningful differences between the indicated percentage and the average percentage of respondents selecting that option across all questions in this question group (i.e., an asterisk indicates that the bar is significantly different from bars of the same color).

## Where to begin?





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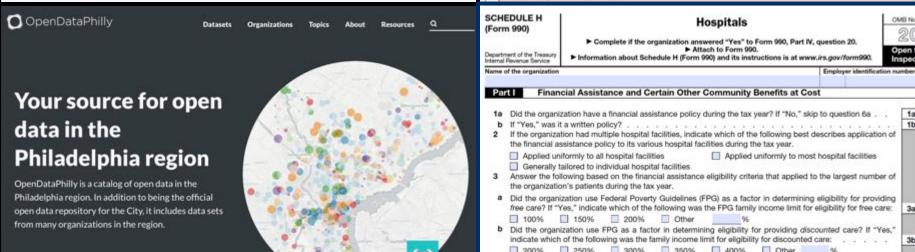
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## Integration into EHR

Question #	Question & Response Options (from paper version or Flowsheet)	Responses that Flag a Positive Screen	
1.	How do you learn best?  ☐ Reading ☐ Listening ☐ Pictures	None	
2.	What is the highest level of school that you have finished?  □ Less than a high school diploma □ High school diploma / GED □ More than high school	None	
3.	How hard is it for you to pay for the very basics like food, housing, heating, medical care, and medications? ☐ Not hard at all ☐ Somewhat hard ☐ Very hard	Somewhat hard or very hard	
	If you answered "Somewhat hard" or "Very hard," what is it hard to pay for? Food, Utilities, Transportation, Medicine or Medical Care, Health Insurance, Clothing, Rent/Mortgage Payment, Child Care, Phone	Yes to any of these	
4a.	In the last month: Have you slept outside, in a shelter, or in a place not meant for sleeping? ☐ Yes ☐ No	Yes	
4b.	In the last month: Have you had concerns about the conditions and quality of your housing? ☐ Yes ☐ No	Yes	
5.	In the last 12 months, how many times have you moved from one home to another?	2 or more moves flagged for follow-up	
6a.	In the last 12 months: (I/we) worried whether (my/our) food would run out before (I/we) got money to buy more. □ Often true □ Sometimes true □ Never true	Often true or sometimes true	
6b.	In the last 12 months: The food that (I/we) bought just didn't last, and (I/we) didn't have money to get more. □ Often true □ Sometimes true □ Never true	Often true or sometimes true	
6c.	In the last 12 months: (I/we) couldn't afford to eat balanced meals.  □ Often true □ Sometimes true □ Never true	Often true or sometimes true	
7.	In the last 12 months: Have you ever been physically or emotionally hurt or threatened by a spouse/partner or someone else you know?   Yes  No	Yes	
8a.	On average, how many: Days per week do you engage in moderate to strenuous exercise (like walking fast, running, jogging, dancing, swimming, biking, or other activities that cause a light or heavy sweat)? (0 – 7)	Multiply days per week (8a) by number of minutes (8b); <150 flagged for follow-up	
8b.	On average, how many: Minutes do you exercise at this level?		





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#### City View for: Children in Poverty

**Change Metric** 

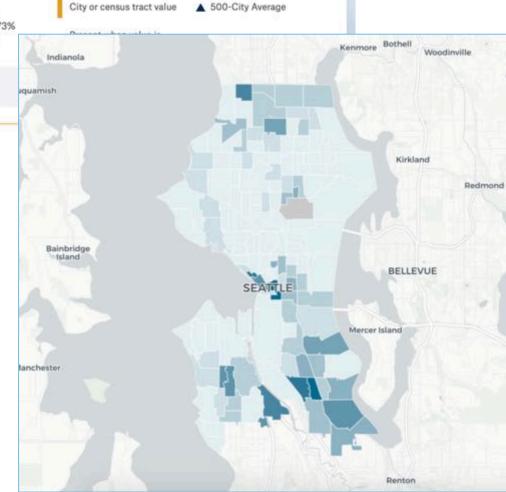
Children living in households ≤100% of the federal poverty level (%) MORE ABOUT METRIC ▼

#### City Value for Children in Poverty in Seattle, WA



14.1% of Seattle's children were in poverty, compared to an average of 23.6% across the Dashboard's 500 cities.





▲ 500-City Average

## Seattle

#### Social and Economic Factors





## Seattle

#### **Health Outcomes**





### Strengthening the science

Nicole Lurie, *Health Affairs* (2002)

Little is known about the mechanisms through which nonmedical determinants, particularly those related to socioeconomic status and social conditions, affect health...

Just because a factor is related to poor health, <u>we</u> <u>cannot assume</u> that interventions that ameliorate that condition alone will lead to immediate improvement in population health...

Because populationwide [sic] interventions have far-reaching social and economic implications, it is particularly important that public policy be based on sound science.



## Transportation Case Study





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#### Ascension partners with Lyft to ease patient transportation

By Dave Barkholz | December 20, 2016

Ascension has partnered with Lvft to ensure that a ride is always available for patients, the companies announced Tuesday Ascension, the nation's largest notfor-profit hospital system, said the on-demand Lyft service provides an additional resource for the community's most vulnerable patients, in keeping with Ascension's stated mission to look out for the impoverished. Catholic-sponsored Ascension is the first major hospital company to engage Lyft, which is rolling out

a non-emergency medical transportation business across the country." Many of

BUSINESS 08/07/2017 03:36 pm ET | Updated Aug 30, 2017

#### Lyft, Uber Increasingly Offering Medical Transportation Services

"This is one of those rare innovations where you can both improve the service and reduce cost at the same time."





#### Medical Providers Try Uber, Lyft For **Patients With Few Transportation Options**

### **Hospitals Are Partnering** With Uber to Get Patients to Checkups

The convenience could greatly reduce the likelihood of missed appointments.

ZHAI YUN TAN AUG 15, 2016

The Atlantic



The Switch

Uber and Lyft think they can solve one of medicine's biggest problems

By Carolyn Y. Johnson March 1 at 2:14 PM Email the author



## Transportation trial

- Will a convenient, on-demand transportation option reduce missed appointments to primary care?
- Goal: 10% absolute reduction in missed appointments among Medicaid population (baseline 49%)

Sample size target\*

Allocation (2d before appointment)

**Procedures** 

Control group	Intervention group	
390	390	
Called <u>ODD</u> # day (appointment reminder)	Called <u>EVEN</u> # day (appointment reminder)	
Usual travel mode (blinded)	One-time, rideshare- offer (not blinded)	

## Results: Missed appointments

Intent-to-Treat\*
(All called)

Treatment-as-provided (Answered phone call)\*

Subgroups\*

Control group	Intervention group	
36.7%	36.6%	
34.8%	30.6%	
Better post-hospital discharge (Odds ratio: 0.31)		



<sup>\*</sup>Not significant

## What happened?



Transportation is a significant barrier for low income patients to attend appointments.

#### Limited options in traveling

"If you don't have the money [to take the bus], then you can't get there. It [doesn't] really cost that much because I'm not that far, but a lot of times, when you don't have a lot, a little bit is a lot."

#### Unreliable or undesired current transportation modes

"There is one [transportation] agency that everybody has a problem with, and I missed two appointments messing around with them...I was not happy because I didn't get a chance to take care of my medical situation and had to find somebody else to take me to the doctor."



Social and external obligations to employers and family members complicate travel logistics further.

"My sister's very sick, and she needs a lot of care and a lot of attention. I'm the only one that's available to her a lot of the time when she needs help... so sometimes something comes up where I cannot make my appointment."

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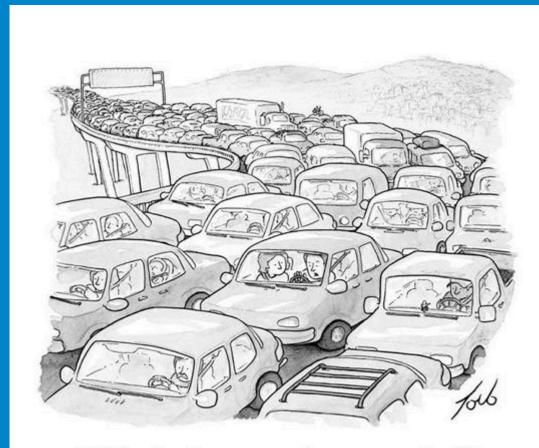


Personal health factors negatively impact patients' ability to get to appointments.

"I didn't feel good, and I wanted to make my appointment, but I just didn't feel good [enough] to get there."

"It's not that far, but I can't make it. I'm heavy and I'm sickly."

## The Path Forward

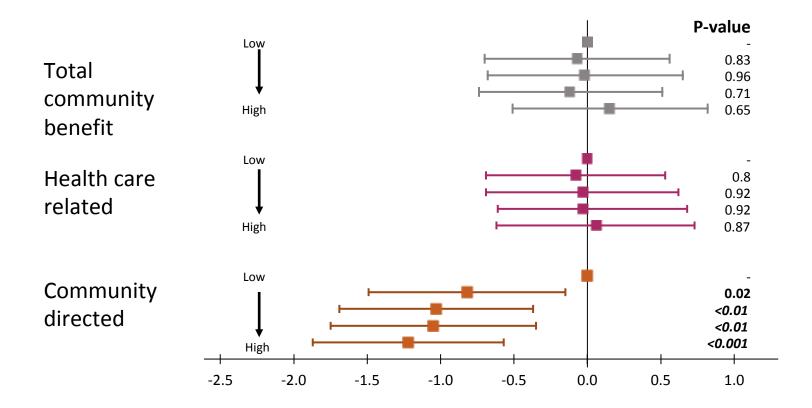


"Why isn't my car horn magically fixing everything?"

The New Yorker Magazine



## Differences in 2014 Readmission Rates by Community Benefit Spending





## Effect of Community Health Worker Support on Clinical Outcomes of Low-Income Patients Across Primary Care Facilities A Randomized Clinical Trial

Shreya Kangovi, MD, MS; Nandita Mitra, PhD; Lindsey Norton, MSS, MLSP; Rory Harte; Xinyi Zhao, MPH; Tamala Carter, CHW; David Grande, MD, MPA; Judith A. Long, MD

- Primary outcome similar self-rated health between two arms
- Secondary outcome:
  - ✓ Higher quality of care reported (comprehensive and supportive)
  - ✓ Fewer days spent in the hospital (69% reduction)
  - ✓ Shorter length of stay (-3.1 days)
  - ✓ Fewer hospitalizations
  - ✓ Reduced 30-day readmissions



### The Ask

- Advance statistical approaches to understand the complex interplay between (many) social needs, health care outcomes, and health
- Help shift the field towards causality and interventions
- Do not ignore the science of implementation
- Multi-stakeholder collaboration will be critical



## Questions

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