

**West Michigan Regional MCC**  
**COMMUNITY INTEGRATED PARAMEDICINE**  
**Procedure Protocol**

**SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH ASSESSMENT**

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*This protocol is for trained CIP Paramedics only. If during assessment, procedure, or treatment the patient is found to have a medical emergency in need of hospital treatment, the CIP visit will be suspended, and local MCA protocols utilized.*

**Purpose:** To provide guidelines for the minimum elements of a Social Determinants of Health (SDOH) assessment or screening and when it should be performed with the intent of reducing barriers to optimal health.

**Aliases:** Health care barriers

- I. Indications
  - a. Intake/enrollment assessments
  - b. Referring physician request
  - c. As deemed necessary by CIP provider
- II. Contraindications
  - a. None
- III. Equipment
  - a. MCA approved SDOH Assessment or screening Form which will include:
    - i. Housing, transportation access, safety within their environment, food security, social exclusion, social support, healthcare access and addiction.
- IV. Procedure
  - a. Perform SDOH assessment or screening-following MCA approved checklist.
  - b. Assess both the patient and their environment
  - c. Findings that present threats to the patient's immediate health and well-being must be reported to the referring physician or patient's care team prior to conclusion of the visit.
  - e.d. Any positive findings will be referred to the appropriate resources for management.
- V. Documentation **see CIP Documentation protocol**
  - a. Additionally
    - i. Completion of check list
    - ii. Findings
    - iii. Corrections, referrals or plans for either
    - iv. Inability to complete corrections or referrals and reason

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