Children's Hospital of Philadelphia PolicyLab

Pediatric Social Risk Screening: Leveraging Research to Ensure Equity

Visit Article

The effects of poverty on child health have been exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic and concurrent economic recession, magnifying the urgency for pediatric healthcare institutions to effectively address patients' unmet social needs. Simultaneously, there is increasing policy and payer pressure to implement screening protocols for social risk factors—such as food and housing insecurity, financial strain, and unsafe environments—within pediatric healthcare. Although the intent to bring equitable care to families is paramount, it remains unclear what effect standardized social risk screening has on engagement with resources and whether the screening process itself unintentionally introduces disparity.

Journal:

Academic Pediatrics
Authors: Cullen D, Wilson-Hall L, McPeak K, Fein J

Related Content

- Screening for Social Needs in Pediatrics: How Can We Ensure it is Family-centered and Effective?
  Issue Briefs
  Jan 2021
- Phone Versus In-Person Navigation of Social Needs and Caregivers' Desire for Resources in the Pediatric Emergency Department
  Article
  Dec 2023