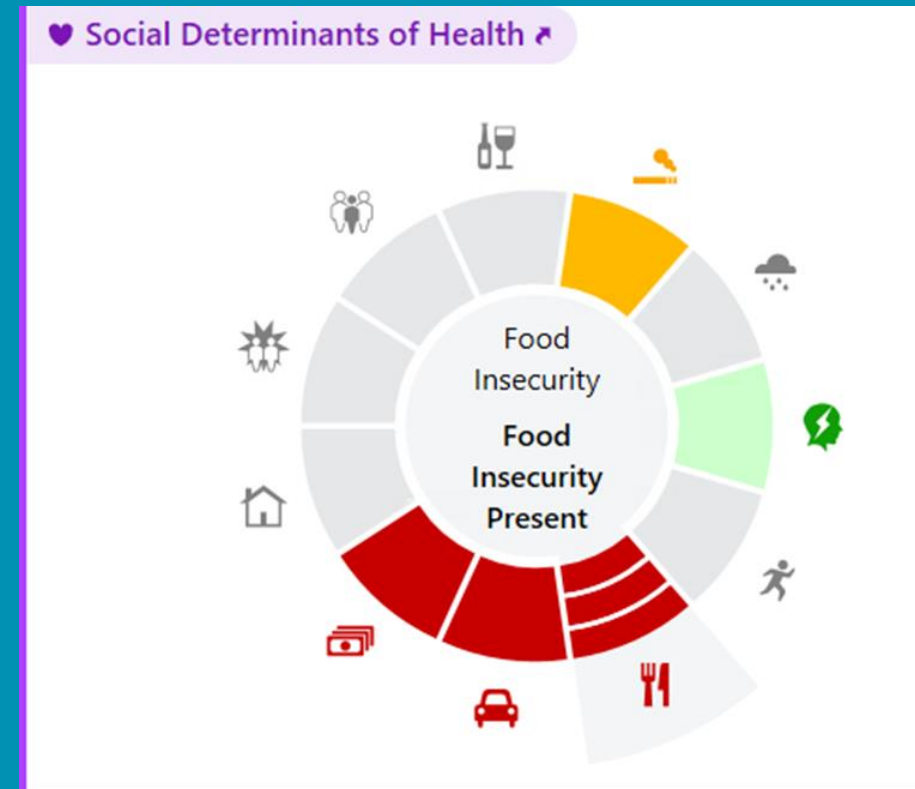# SDOH
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SDOH Risks

Patient's risk for SDOH is available across our entire system. The risk appears on a SDOH Wheel and classifies the risk depending on the patient's response.
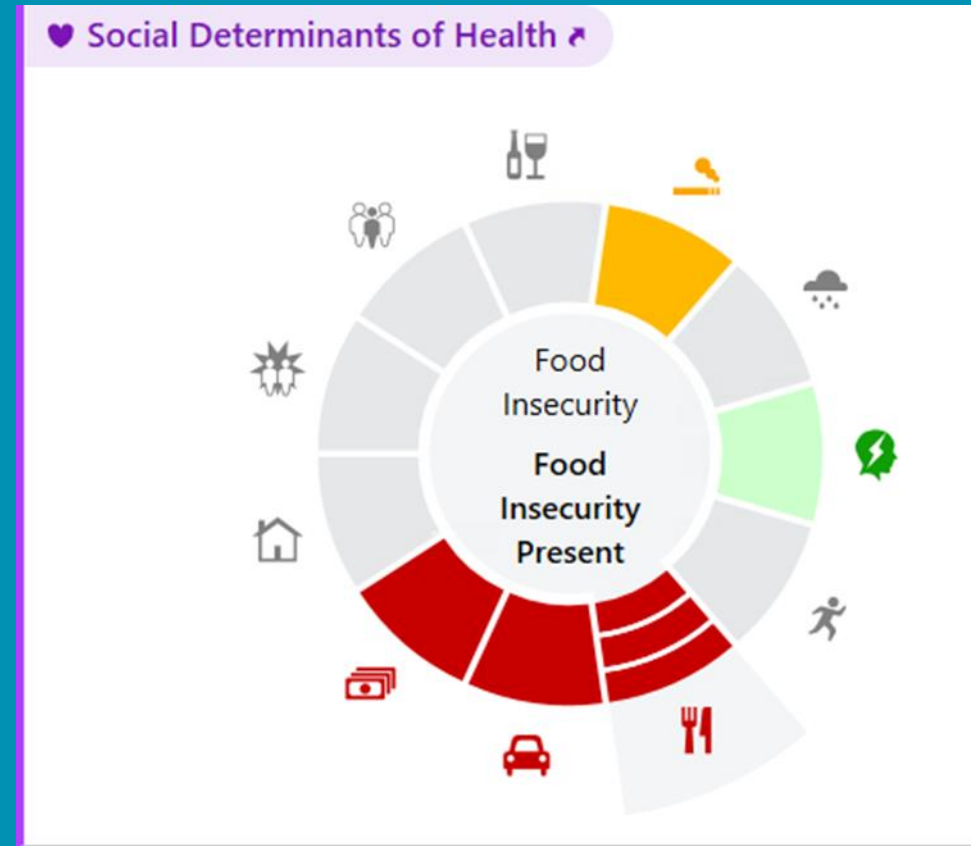
Risk categories:
- 🟢 indicates low or no risk
- 🟡 indicates medium risk
- 🔴 indicates high risk.

Review & Update SDOH
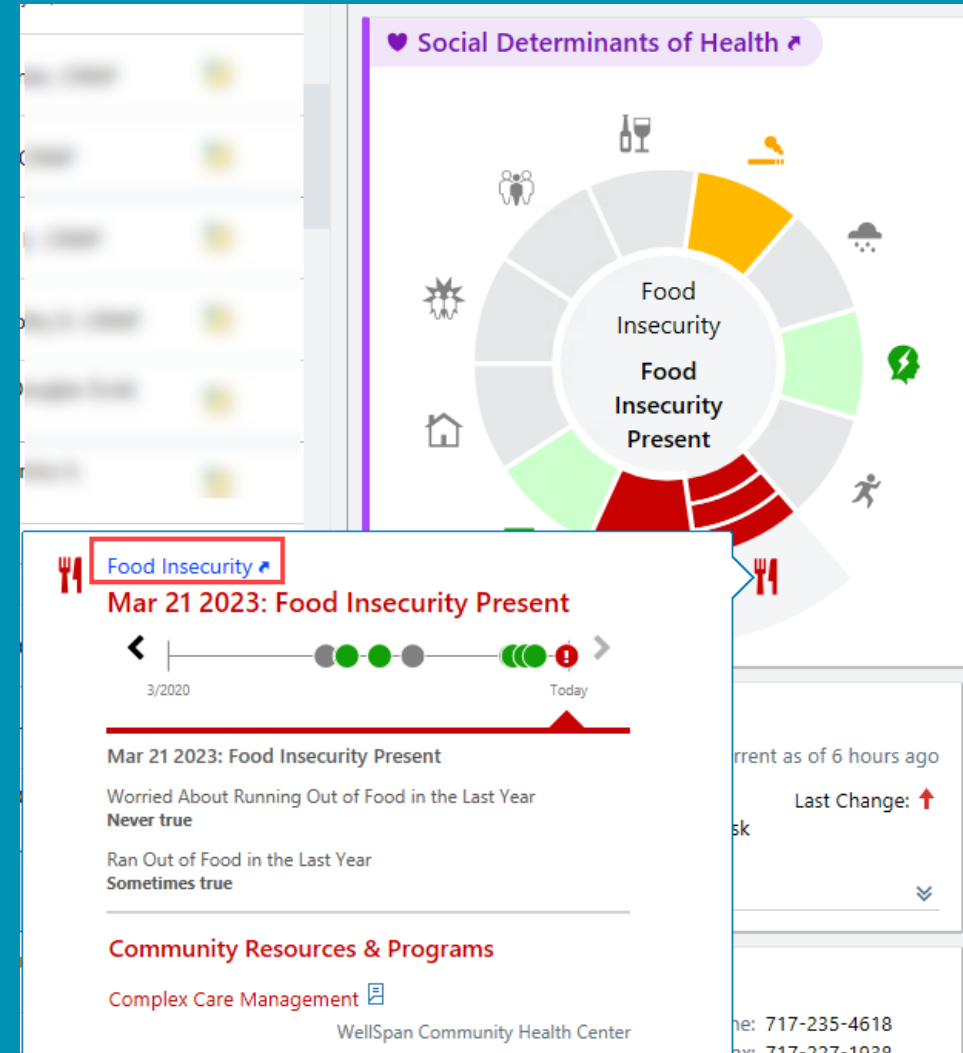
Patient's SDOH risk is reviewed and updated by clinical staff during the rooming process.

- Focus on 3 areas:
  - Food
  - Housing
  - Transportation

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Food Insecurity

Food Insecurity Present

SDOH TIMELINE

Staff can review a timeline and detailed information of SDOH questions.

FOOD INSECURITY QUESTIONS

Positive Response

If the patient has a positive response to any one of the *food, housing, or transportation* questions, a BPA will prompt to add a visit diagnosis – This is what adds the appropriate codes for payers

A referral to Care Coordination can be added at this time

When the SDOH diagnosis code is added to the visit, billing code G9919 (positive screening) will be added to the encounter automatically. This code will not be visible on the encounter until after the encounter is closed.

Level of Service

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PR OFFICE/OUTPATIENT ESTABLISHED LOW MDM 20-29 MIN [99213]

All Charges for This Encounter

Code	Description	Service Date
99213	PR OFFICE/OUTPATIENT ESTABLISHED LOW MDM 20-29 MIN	3/29/2021
G9919	PR SCRN ND POS ND PROV OF REC	3/29/2021

Frequently Asked Questions 🔗

Q: Will these Z-codes always get sent out on claims to the payer?

Not necessarily.   In order for that to happen, the charges need to be dropped from the encounter, which isn't always going to happen for all encounter types.   Therefore, you may want to limit this BPA to only fire within to face-to-face encounter types for which charges get dropped and ultimately sent out to payers. It's also notable that there is a limit of 12 diagnosis codes that can be sent on a single claim, and these Z-codes contribute to that total.   So you must also consider the possibility that a Z-code may not get sent out on a claim for an encounter which has 12+ other diagnoses.

Thank You