Addressing the Social Determinants of Health: Is there an economic case to be made?

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New ROI Calculator Assesses Risks and Rewards of Integrating Social Services with Health Care

Many health care delivery systems are working to address the social determinants of health, especially for patients with complex needs. To do so, they need to partner with local organizations that provide social services, such as nutritional support and transportation.

That's why the Commonwealth Fund has launched the new ROI Calculator for Partnerships to Address the Social Determinants of Health. By assessing the financial risks and rewards under various payment arrangements and terms, this tool can help health systems and community-based organizations structure their partnerships in an equitable way. Users just need to select the social services that might be offered and enter medical utilization and population data.

"By enhancing the sustainability of these partnerships," says creator Victor Tabbush, "more patients with complex care needs will receive the whole-person care required for improved health outcomes.”

Check out the calculator