

# Definitions

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▶ **Health-related social needs (HRSN)** are the social, economic and physical environment conditions, such as housing, healthy food access, transportation and employment, that either enable or hinder opportunities for good health.

▶ **Federal guidance on paying for HRSN services.** The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) have issued guidance to state Medicaid programs on coverage options for HRSN services, including a specified set of 15 housing and nutrition services.\* To be approved for coverage by CMS, these services must be clinically appropriate, evidence-based and tailored to meet the needs of the Medicaid population.

\* Examples include nutrition prescriptions, home remediations and case management services for access to housing and nutrition services. A complete list is available in guidance from CMS.

## Objectives of the HRSN Workgroup

**Build knowledge about Medicaid policy and amplify options for financing HRSN services**, including housing, nutrition and case management/navigation services

**Identify opportunities and challenges related to Medicaid financing of HRSN services**, including capacity, data and infrastructure needs of local organizations and state systems that could impact the ability to pay for HRSN services through Medicaid

**Identify an approach(es)**, Ohio can take to finance a set of HRSN services through Medicaid, increase data sharing, and best practices to ensure access to those services

## Goals for Ohio

**Increase the availability and accessibility of HRSN services**, provided to people with Medicaid coverage

**Improve health outcomes and eliminate disparities** among people with Medicaid coverage

**Reduce healthcare costs** within the Medicaid program