



Medicaid Food Security Network Inaugural Meeting

February 7, 2024



Welcome!

Share the following with us in the chat:



Name / Pronouns



Organization & Title / Role

MFSN Kick-Off Objectives



Share insights into the Co-Design team's vision and partnership goals within the Medicaid Food Security Network (MFSN) emphasizing the potential for significant impact.



Enhance understanding of the Network, its objectives, and the different roles involved



Gather insights from attendees on interests from the Network.



Inspire and foster a commitment to enhance the implementation of new policies or advocate for their adoption within Medicaid and food programs



Cultivate a sense of motivation to actively engage with other Network members

Housekeeping



Zoom Recording: This kick-off will be recorded and available on the Network website.



Use the chat feature: Feel free to submit questions throughout the webinar through the chat. We also will have time for Q&A near the end of the meeting.



Make sure you are muted: Please stay muted while others are presenting. Feel free to use the chat and/or hand raising features.

Today's Agenda

»»» **Welcome** (5 min)

»»» **Co-Design Team and MFSN Vision** (10 min)

»»» **Overview of the Network** (20 min)

»»» **Participant Expectations and Desires Poll** (5 min)

»»» **Inspiration for Advocacy and Implementation** (10 min)

»»» **Engagement & Commitment** (15 min)

»»» **Q&A** (15 min)

»»» **Closing Remarks** (10 min)

Co-Design Team & MFSN Vision



We are a diverse community of inspired people, sharing our strengths, **so all children and families live without hunger or poverty.**

We envision an **equitable world** where all children, families, and communities have what they need to thrive.



Benefits Data Trust **helps people live healthier**, more independent lives by creating smarter, streamlined ways to **access essential benefits and services.** We envision a world where eligible people receive **dignified and efficient assistance** to pay for food, healthcare, and other critical needs.



We are a national mission-driven strategy and implementation partner that helps **Medicaid-serving** health systems, plans, and CBOs to **move upstream and advance health equity** for people and communities harmed by societal practices.

Steering Committee & Co-Designers

STEERING COMMITTEE

- **Elise August**, Feeding America
- **Jennifer Babcock**, Association for Community Affiliated Plans
- **Umailla Fatima**, UnidosUS
- **Katie Garfield**, Center for Health Law and Policy Innovation
- **Kelly Horton**, Food Research & Action Center
- **Jean Terranova**, Community Servings
- **Rich Sheward**, Children's HealthWatch

CO-DESIGN TEAM

- **Kelleen Zubick**, Share Our Strength
- **Laura Cornwell**, Share Our Strength
- **Audrey Immel**, Share Our Strength
- **Jamila McLean**, Benefits Data Trust
- **Ki'i Powell**, Benefits Data Trust
- **Julian Xie**, Benefits Data Trust
- **Kathryn Jantz**, HealthBegins
- **Alejandra Cabrera**, HealthBegins
- **Kyron Pierce**, HealthBegins

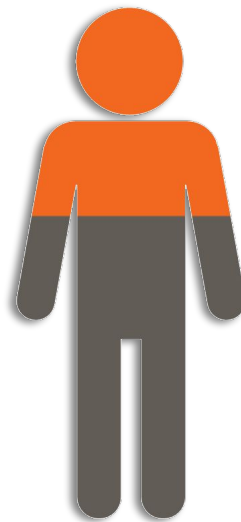


Medicaid Food Security Network **Overview of The Network**

Why engage
Medicaid to
address food
insecurity?

~85 Million Enrollees

34 Million
Children and
Youth



51 Million
Adults

Medicaid has relationships and communication pathways with **millions of low-income Americans** and the staff serving them.

Putting it into
perspective...



\$626 Billion
Annual Medicaid
Expenditures



\$111 Billion
Annual SNAP
Expenditures

Reinvesting just **one percent** of
Medicaid funds nationally would be 6.2
Billion dollars or roughly **a year's
supply of food for 850,000 Americans.**

Our **Bold** Goal

Our goal is to impact 40% of all Medicaid enrollees, especially children and families, through improved access to SNAP and WIC and increased investments in food security and access initiatives by 2030.



The Network's **Mission & Vision**



Support anti-hunger advocates to engage, influence, and partner with state Medicaid programs and Medicaid-serving systems **in adopting and implementing effective strategies** to support the full spectrum of food needs of **children and families** enrolled in Medicaid **with an emphasis on closing the enrollment gap in SNAP and WIC.**



The MFSN will provide state and national anti-hunger and healthcare advocates, and other stakeholders with **the infrastructure for collaboration, technical assistance, and tools for policy and advocacy.** MFSN participants will be able to successfully **identify, advocate for, and implement** effective, **state-specific policies and programs** for every state Medicaid program.

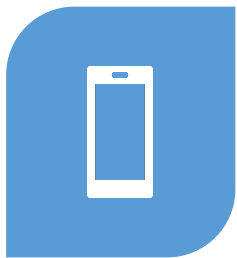
Policy and Program **Opportunities**



FOOD INSECURITY
SCREENING &
REFERRAL



SNAP & WIC
ENROLLMENT
INFRASTRUCTURE



ASSISTANCE &
NAVIGATION



DATA,
EVALUATION, &
CONTINUOUS
IMPROVEMENT



INVESTMENTS &
BENEFITS

Key Activities



CONVENE & COLLABORATE

This MFSN is the national forum to **support collaboration around Medicaid's role in food insecurity** for children and families.



INFORM & INFLUENCE

The MFSN will **enable important resources to be more efficiently shared** and will **identify and address gaps in resources needed** for Medicaid policy change and effective implementation. These resources might include policy briefs, original research, and advocacy tools.



ACCELERATE POLICY CHANGE

Share learnings from the network to support state and federal level regulatory policy change that will maximize Medicaid's impact addressing food insecurity.

Upcoming Policy Spotlighter

Categories

- Select all
- 1115 Waiver Benefits
- Closed Loop Referral
- Coding
- Community Reinvestment
- In Lieu of Services



| State | Policy |
|------------|---|
| Arizona | Under the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System, AHCCCS Complete Care (ACC) Contractors, the Medicaid managed care organizations (MCOs) serving most children, must use the AHCCS approved loop referral system and actively encourage the provider network to use the system to screen and refer Members to community based organizations that provide services addressing health related social needs. At a minimum, the Medicaid MCOs must use the closed loop referral system to screen and refer each Member annually for social needs including food insecurity. |
| Arizona | Under the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System, the AHCCCS Complete Care (ACC) Contractors, the Medicaid managed care organizations serving most children, must contribute 6% of their annual revenue to community reinvestment. Plans must submit a plan for their community reinvestment activities and a report of actual expenditures. |
| California | Medicaid Managed Care Plans can elect to offer a food benefit that includes 1) meals delivered to the home immediately following a nursing home or hospital discharge 2) Medically Tailored Meals, 3) Medically Tailored Meals, 3) Medically Tailored Meals, 3) Medically Tailored Meals. These interventions can be combined with behavioral, cooking, and/or nutrition education. Eligibility includes individuals with chronic conditions including high risk perinatal conditions and chronic or disabling mental/behavioral health disorders and individuals with extensive care coordination needs. Up to two meals per day can be covered for up to 12 weeks. To support the implementation of this benefit and other Community Supports (social needs benefits) and Enhanced Case Managed, California is investing in infrastructure development through the Providing Access and Transforming Health (PATH) Initiative, a five year \$1.85 billion initiative that includes technical assistance, funding for the Collaborative Planning and Implementation Initiative (convening managed care plans and community supports providers) and Capacity and Infrastructure, Transition, Expansion and Development Initiative (funding for the needs of community supports including food providers). |

Medicaid Food Security Partners Program

Share Our Strength, in collaboration with co-designers Benefits Data Trust and HealthBegins, is launching the **Medicaid Food Security Partners Program** on March 1st.

Share Our Strength will be funding **four state-based organizations or coalitions** to advocate for or implement promising food-security policy initiative(s) within their state Medicaid program, with a special focus on **strategies that promote SNAP and WIC enrollment.**

The application has closed and submissions are currently being reviewed. Grantees will be announced publicly in early March.





Medicaid Food Security Network **Participant Polling**

Participant **Poll**

Share your thoughts! Please respond to the poll:

Which state is your organization based in?

What type(s) of strategies are you most interested in?

- a. Screening and Referral
- b. Assistance and Navigation
- c. Data, Evaluation and Continuous Improvement
- d. Investments and Benefits
- e. Not sure yet

How did you learn about the MFSN?

- a. Putting Care at the Center Conference
- b. The Root Cause Coalition Annual Summit
- c. Received an email from the MFSN
- d. Referred by a colleague
- e. Other

We'd Like to Hear From you!

Question: What most excites you about participating in the Network?





Medicaid Food Security Network **Policy and Program Opportunities Spotlight:**

**Creating the Policy Context for Successful,
Screening, Referral and Connection to Services**

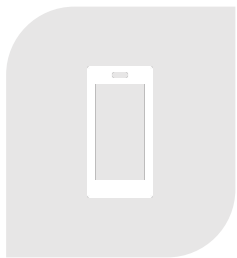
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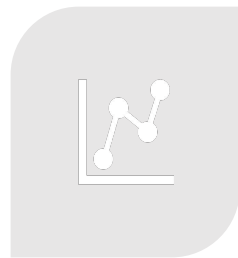
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Food Insecurity Screening and Referral



Our Goal & Recommendations

All Medicaid agencies ensure that every Medicaid Enrollee is screened annually for food insecurity and enrolled in food benefits



What's New

While Medicaid agencies, health systems, hospitals, and other institutions are investing time and resources to accelerate data gathering and sharing, screening for health-related social needs, including food insecurity, is not routine



Why It Matters

Screening is a prerequisite for effectively addressing food insecurity at the community and individual level and conducting high quality research



Go Deeper

Food insecurity screening is the *first step* towards improved access to SNAP and WIC and increased investments in food security initiatives by 2030

Medicaid Food Screening Policy



Tool Standardization



Screening Process



Financial Support/Incentives



Data Management



Staff Training

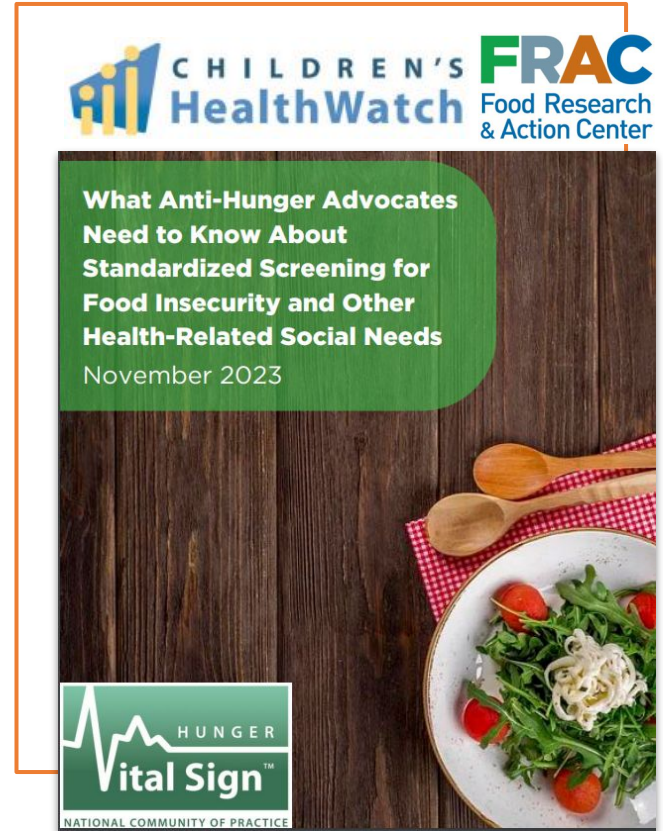


Stakeholder Engagement & Quality Improvement

The Current State of Food Insecurity Screening

National quality and standards-setting initiatives

- The Joint Commission Health Equity Requirements
- National Commission for Quality Assurance (NCQA) Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS) Social Care Quality Measure for health plans
- Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Inpatient Quality Reporting (IQR) Program
 - Merit-Based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) for Screening for SDOH
 - Prospective Payment System-Exempt Cancer Hospital Quality Reporting (PCHQR) Program
 - Inpatient Psychiatric Facility Prospective Payment System (IPF PPS)
 - The End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Quality Incentive Program (QIP)



What's In Store

The Network is committed to **collaborative efforts** that create the policy context for **successful, screening, referral and connection to services.**



By 2030, every Medicaid Enrollee will be **screened annually** for food insecurity and enrolled in food benefits.



THE WHAT

The aim of these efforts include **increasing screening of common health-related social needs** - HRSN (including food insecurity) as part of annual Health Risk Assessments, improving quality measures, and informing payment models and policies

THE HOW

- Federal agencies are **setting standards and policies**
- Individual state Medicaid agencies are **developing new food insecurity screening and referral services** and determining pathways for federal approval
- Health care systems, hospitals, and other institutions are **interpreting policies and implementing screening and referral** on the front lines of care

Want to Learn More?

Additional resources and information on screening, referral and connection to services:

CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES

A Guide to Using the Accountable Health Communities Health-Related Social Needs Screening Tool: Promising Practices and Key Insights
(bit.ly/4917hqH)

This document describes the HRSN Screening Tool from the Accountable Health Communities (AHC) Model and shared promising practices for universal screening.

Implementing universal HRSN screening in clinical settings requires planning—aligning priorities, training staff, and developing customized screening protocols—and the strategies shared in this guide are meant to inform effective universal HRSN screening in a wide range of clinical settings.

THE SIREN EVIDENCE & RESOURCE LIBRARY

Provides both peer-reviewed publications and other types of resources such as webinars and screening tools/toolkits on medical and social care integration, including food insecurity screening and referral.
(bit.ly/49liEth)

COMING SOON!

Promising Medicaid-Based Strategies to Address the Food Needs of Children and Families

State-by-state analysis of screening requirements, FAQs, and more



Medicaid Food Security Network **Engagement**



Breakout Conversations

(15 minutes)

Breakout Room Discussion Questions



1. How can the MFSN support your organizational goals? What is most helpful to you?
2. What opportunities do you see for us to collaborate to address the food needs of children and families in Medicaid?
3. Will you join us for the next quarterly Network meeting? What topics do you want to see on the agenda?

Q&A

What questions can we answer?



Upcoming Network Quarterly Meeting

May 1, 2024

2-3:30 p.m. EST



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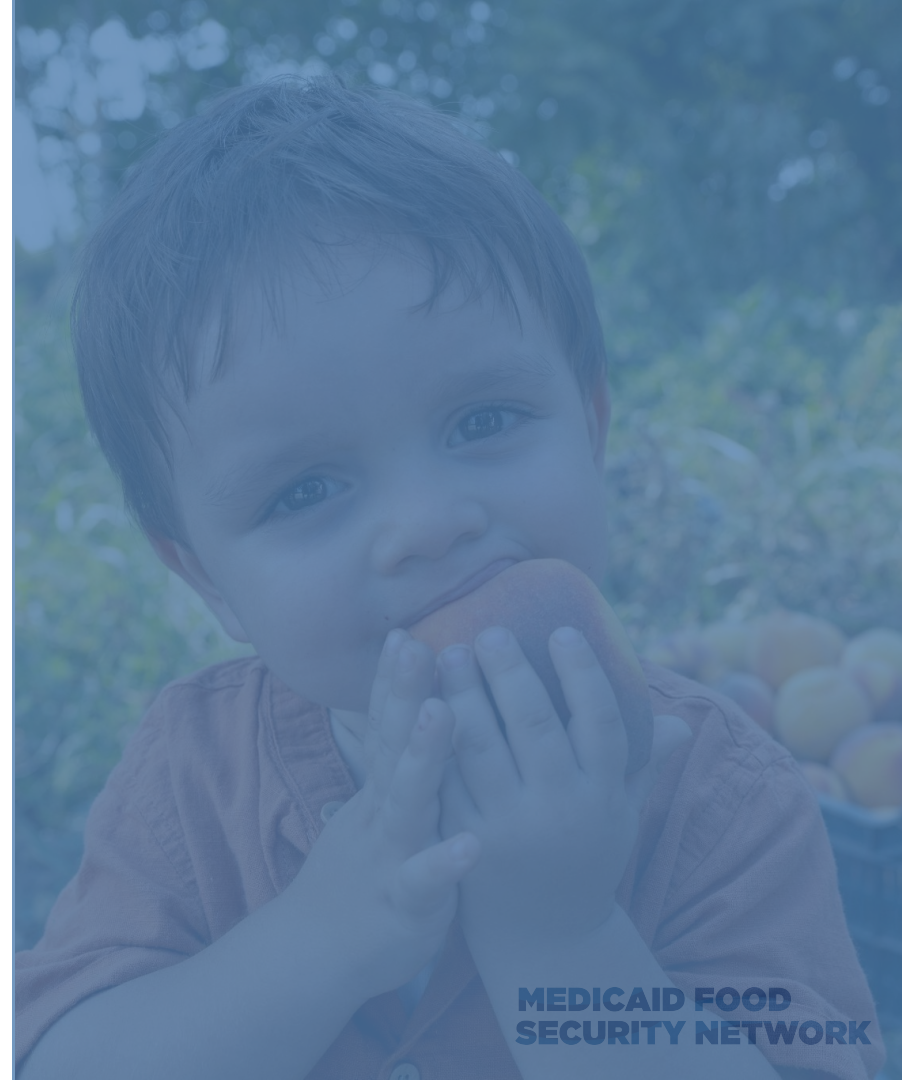
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Policy Advocacy: State Spotlights



***If you have **states you recommend** or **specific contacts** in any states, please let us know.*

Upcoming RFPs/States on our radar based on current their contract end date:

- **Alabama** - Sept 2024
- **Arizona** - Sept 2025
- **Hawaii** - December 2026
- **Idaho** - exploring Managed Care for children
- **Illinois** - January 2026,
- **Kansas** - December 2024
- **Louisiana** - December 2027
- **Missouri** - July 2027
- **Nevada** - December 2027
- **North Carolina** - June 2024
- **North Dakota** - December 2027
- **Rhode Island** - June 2024
- **Utah** - June 2027
- **Virginia** - ??