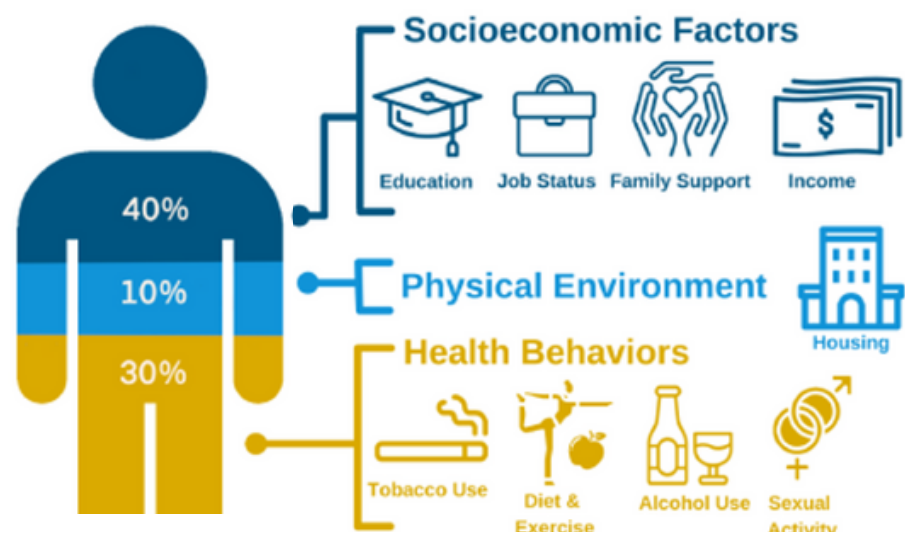


Background Context



SDOH are nonmedical underlying structural factors that influence health status and health outcomes.



SDOH are thought to account for about **80%** of health outcomes while health care accounts for about **20%**

Bill Summary



The version of California **Assembly Bill (AB) 85** analyzed by CHBRP would require coverage and reimbursement of **social determinants of health (SDOH) screening** and would require insurers to provide “primary care providers with adequate access to community health workers...and inform primary care providers of how to access these community health workers.” CHBRP assumes AB 85 would allow for reimbursement of one SDOH screening per year as part of typical preventive and wellness care visits.

Insurance Subject to the Mandate

AB 85 would require coverage and reimbursement of SDOH screening for **24,853,000** California enrollees (**64%** of all Californians):

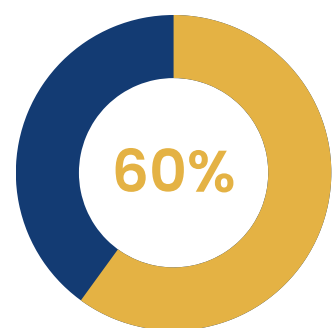
- Medi-Cal
- CDI and DMHC Regulated (Commercial & CalPERS)
- Federally Regulated

Medical Effectiveness



- **Limited evidence** that SDOH screening in a clinical setting increase referrals to community health workers/navigators/ social services.
- **Inconclusive evidence** that SDOH screening in a clinical setting is associated with changes in health care utilization.

Benefit Coverage and Cost Impacts



Approximately **60%** of commercial and CalPERS enrollees and **100%** of Medi-Cal beneficiaries have coverage for SDOH screening at baseline. Postmandate, **100%** of enrollees would have coverage for SDOH screening.



AB 85 would increase total net annual expenditures by **\$9,926,000** or **0.01%** for enrollees with state-regulated insurance.

Public Health Impacts



The public health impact of AB 85 on improved health (or socioeconomic) status and outcomes is unknown. CHBRP estimates that an additional **211,000** commercially insured enrollees would receive SDOH screening in a clinical setting; and of those, **25,000** are likely to screen positive for ≥ 1 social need.