

# MOMENTUM

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## 2023 Oklahoma Rural Health Conference



This conference will bring together members of the Rural Health Association of Oklahoma (RHAO) and the Telehealth Alliance of Oklahoma (TAO); stakeholders of the Oklahoma Office of Rural Health (OORH); rural public health workers; and anyone interested in rural health!



Conference activities begin on the evening of November 1st and conclude on the afternoon of November 3rd. The conference will be held at the Edmond Conference Center, which includes the Hilton Garden Inn.

[Conference Flyer](#) | [Sponsorship Prospectus 2023](#)

Registration is open at [RHAO.org](https://RHAO.org)!



## Using SDoH Z Codes Can Enhance Your Quality Improvement Initiatives



Capture your patients' full stories by using Z codes.  
All sectors of health care will benefit!

# USING SDOH Z CODES

Can Enhance Your Quality Improvement Initiatives



## Health Care Administrators

Understand how SDOH data can be gathered and tracked using Z codes.

- Select an SDOH screening tool.
- Identify workflows that minimize staff burden.
- Provide training to support data collection.
- Consider EHRs that facilitate data collection and coding.
- Decide what Z code data to use and monitor.

Develop a plan to use SDOH Z code data to:

- Enhance patient care.
- Improve care coordination and referrals.
- Support quality measurement.
- Identify community/population needs.
- Support planning and implementation of social needs interventions.
- Monitor SDOH intervention effectiveness.



## Health Care Team

Use a SDOH screening tool.

- Follow best practices for collecting SDOH data in a sensitive and HIPAA-compliant manner.
- Consistently document standardized SDOH data in the EHR.
- Refer individuals to social service organizations and appropriate support services through local, state, and national resources.



## Coding and Other Professionals

Follow the ICD-10-CM coding guidelines.<sup>3</sup>

- Use the CDC National Center for Health Statistics ICD-10-CM Browser tool to search for ICD-10-CM codes and information on code usage.<sup>4</sup>
- Assign all relevant SDOH Z codes to support quality improvement initiatives.

### Z code Categories

Z55 – Problems related to education and literacy  
Z56 – Problems related to employment and unemployment  
Z57 – Occupational exposure to risk factors  
Z58 – Problems related to physical environment  
Z59 – Problems related to housing and economic circumstances

Z60 – Problems related to social environment  
Z62 – Problems related to upbringing  
Z63 – Other problems related to primary support group, including family circumstances  
Z64 – Problems related to certain psychosocial circumstances  
Z65 – Problems related to other psychosocial circumstances

This list is subject to revisions and additions to improve alignment with SDOH data elements.

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.cms.gov/medicare/icd-10/2024-icd-10-cm>

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/icd/icd-10-cm.html>

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[go.cms.gov/omh](https://www.go.cms.gov/omh)

[Click here for the PDF document!](#)

## Last Day to Begin MIPS Reporting

**October 3, 2023**

The **LAST DAY** to begin your 90-day performance period for *MIPS Promoting Interoperability (PI) and Improvement Activities (IA)*.



**Helpful tricks to track for reporting in last 90 days:**

- Review performance reports on all MIPS measures from your EHR.
- Capture data, reports, and screenshots for all attestation and yes/no measures.
- Confirm completion of HIPAA compliant Security Risk Analysis.
- Confirm level of engagement for required Public Health and Clinical Data Exchange

Measures.

- Obtain your EHR's CMS Certification ID from the Certified Health IT Product List (CHPL).

*The MIPS Performance Period ends **December 31, 2023**.*

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Don't run out of time, [OFMQ](#) can help!

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## Privacy and Security Risks from Online Tracking Technologies



### **U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES Office for Civil Rights**

Today, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Office for Civil Rights (OCR) and the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) have published the joint letters that were sent in [July 2023](#) to approximately 130 hospital systems and telehealth providers. The letters emphasize the risks and concerns about the use of online tracking technologies, such as the Meta/Facebook pixel and Google Analytics, that can track a user's online activities.

OCR also highlighted these concerns in a [bulletin](#) issued last year that reminded HIPAA regulated entities of their responsibilities to protect health data from unauthorized disclosure under the law.

OCR Letter to Health Systems and Providers

HHS Press Release

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## 2022 Compliance Review Findings



The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' (CMS) National Standards Group (NSG), on behalf of the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS), has released the [2022 Compliance Review Findings Report](#), identifying common standard and operating rule violations found during compliance reviews. This report expands on previously published reports, adding insights based on violation findings discovered in an additional 24 compliance reviews completed between April 2022 and March 2023.

### Compliance Review Findings Report

CMS is sharing the updated findings to inform and educate the health care industry, encourage compliance, and assist covered entities with preparing for compliance reviews.

## Indigenous Peoples' Day

*October 9, 2023*



Indigenous People's Day honors American Indians, their resilience and their contributions to American history. While many states have observed Indigenous Peoples' Day since the early 90s. The Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian [offers activities and resources for recognizing Indigenous People's Day](#).

## October HIT List

- How to Test Electronic Health Care Transactions for [HIPAA Compliance](#)
- 2024 eCQM [Flows](#) for Clinicians, Hospitals, and Critical Access Hospitals
- New NIHCM Infographics on [Combination Drug Use Overdoses](#)
- 2023 [MIPS Start Guide](#) for Small Practices



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