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I would like to comment on your request for information regarding social determinants of health that could be captured in an electronic health record. Public Health and Home Health agencies have been utilizing the Omaha System taxonomy. This taxonomy is based upon 42 problems commonly found for persons living in the community. It is structured into four domains. Environmental, Psychological, Physiological, and Health Behaviors.

The Environmental and Health Behavior Domains capture the type of information that is needed to plan for care needed in the community based upon income, residential, sanitation, nutrition, physical activity, health care supervision, and medication management. Each of these domains allow for capturing specific signs and symptoms that persons report or are observed.

More information can be found at
www.omahasystem.org or www.omahasystemmn.org

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