Clinical care is one factor influencing health outcomes, but may be responsible for 10-15 percent of preventable mortality in the United States. A range of other factors, collectively categorized as social determinants of health (SDOH), have a more profound influence on care, outcomes, and population health. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), SDOH are “the conditions in which people are born, grow, live, work and age.”

Given that Medicaid provides health care coverage for more than 70 million low-income individuals, families, people with disabilities, and seniors, it is well positioned to identify and coordinate the SDOH needs of some of the most vulnerable people in the United States.

For more information, read IMI’s full 2019 report, “Innovation and Opportunities to Address Social Determinants of Health in Medicaid Managed Care.” For a complete list of sources, please contact the Institute for Medicaid Innovation at info@MedicaidInnovation.org