Overview
The Oregon Accountable Health Communities (AHC) study will help clinical sites better understand and address their patients’ social needs by:

- Screening 75,000 Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries annually to identify 5 health-related social needs: housing, food, utilities, transportation and violence
- Providing a tailored referral summary to community services for those with identified needs
- Providing personalized navigation to services for 2,925 high risk patients annually
- Facilitating sharing of data across clinical and social service sites and identifying when resources are not available to meet a social need to help inform community and statewide discussion.

The goal of the study is to determine: does screening for social needs plus tailored navigation to health and social services lead to improved health outcomes and reduced costs of care?

The study, which begins in May 2018, has two primary activities (see diagram below). Clinical sites can do A or B or both A & B.

Who Can Participate?
Most clinical sites that provide care for Medicaid and/or Medicare patients can participate, including: primary care, behavioral health, dental, emergency department, labor and delivery, public health and mobile clinics. Clinics in nine counties in four regions of the state are participating in the study.

Support
Participating clinical delivery sites will receive a variety of benefits, including:

- Financial reimbursement - $10 per completed screen in the first year and $2 per completed screen in subsequent years. $100 per completed navigation.
- A web-based data tool for each part of the study, including patient self-screening.

Next Steps
ORPRN is actively recruiting clinical sites. Please contact a staff member below to discuss the opportunity.

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