

Strategy Group #3 – CAH Priorities

What CAHs need to know NOW!



Hospital Commitment to Health Equity Measure Attestation

Reporting Period: January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023

Reporting Mechanism: Hospital Quality Reporting secure portal

Submission Deadline: May 15, 2024



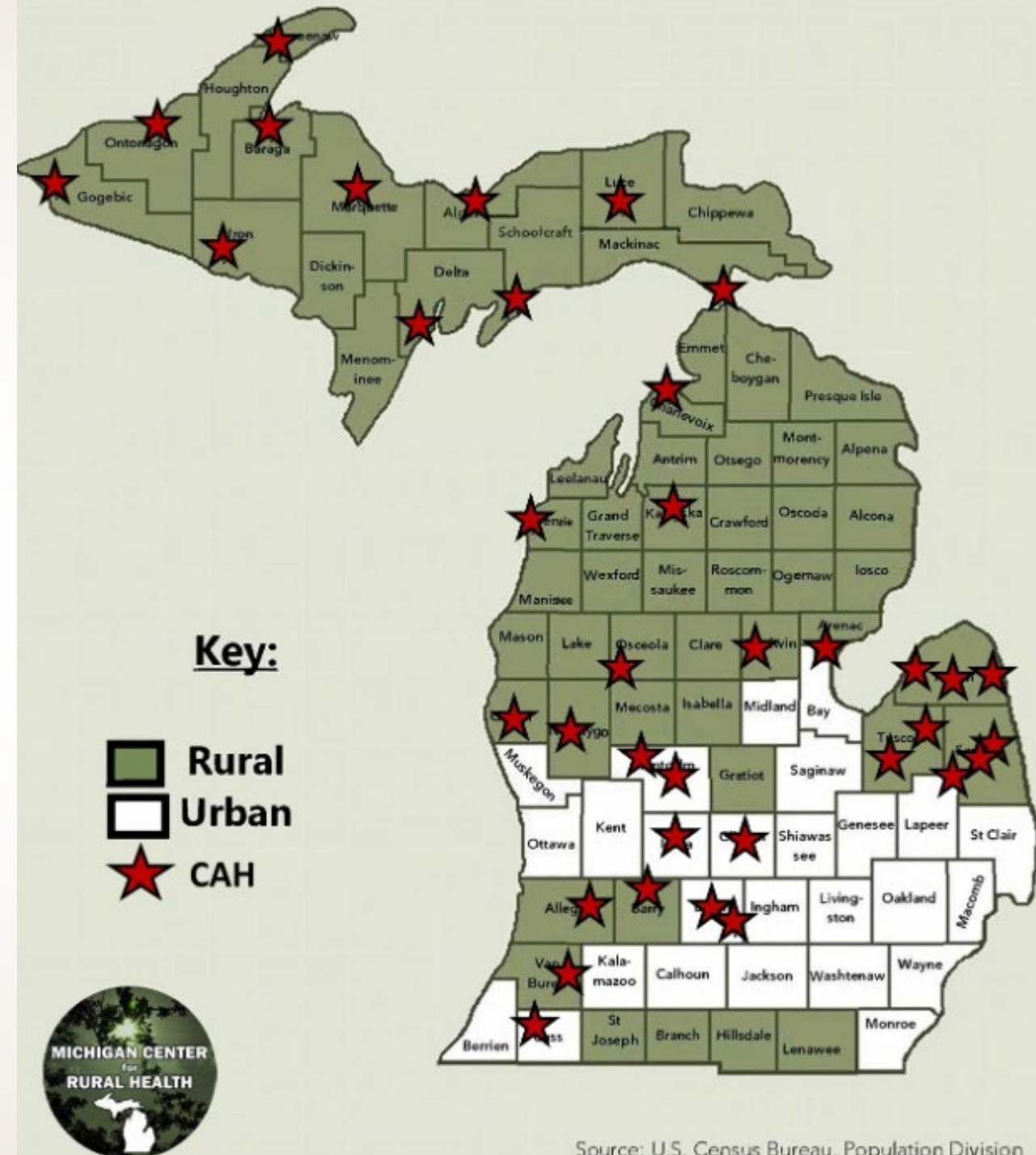
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Alignment with SG2

- **SG2** showcases **DATA** regarding measures
- **SG3** showcases **RESOURCES** to support the data/measures

The WHY

- Demonstrate value and quality of care to the community
- Reducing and ultimately eliminating disparities in health and the determinants that adversely affect excluded or marginalized groups



Hospital Commitment to Health Equity

- Measure Rationale
 - Recognition of health disparities and inequities has been heightened, particularly relevant in rural areas.
 - Rural risk factors for health disparities include geographic isolation, lower socioeconomic status, higher rates of health risk behaviors, limited access to health care specialists and subspecialists, and limited job opportunities.
 - Rural residents are less likely to have employer-provided health insurance coverage, and if they are poor, often are not covered by Medicaid.
 - The intent of this measure is to help ensure hospitals are considering and addressing equity in the care they provide to their community.



Hospital Commitment to Health Equity

➤ Measure Description

- This structural measure assesses hospital commitment to health equity.
- Attestation Domains

Domain 1 – Equity is a Strategic Priority

Domain 2 – Data Collection

Domain 3 – Data Analysis

Domain 4 – Quality Improvement

Domain 5 – Leadership Engagement



Social Determinants of Health Screening **and** Screening Positive

➤ Measure Rationale

- The recognition of health disparities and the impact of health-related social needs (HRSN) has been heightened in recent years.
- Economic and social factors, known as drivers of health, are known to affect health outcomes and costs and exacerbate health inequities.
- This measure is derived from CMS' Innovation's Accountable Health Communities (AHC) model and has been tested in large populations across states.
- This measure intends to help ensure hospitals are considering and addressing social needs in the care they provide to their community.





Social Determinants of Health Screening

➤ Measure Description

- The Screening for SDOH Measure assesses whether a hospital implements screening for all patients that are 18 years or older at the time of admission for:
 - Food insecurity, housing instability, transportation needs, utility difficulties, and interpersonal safety.
 - To report on this measure, hospitals will provide:
 - (1) The number of patients admitted to the hospital who are 18 years or older at the time of admission, and who are screened for each of the five HRSNs: Food insecurity, housing instability, transportation needs, utility difficulties, and interpersonal safety; and
 - (2) the total number of patients who are admitted to the hospital who are 18 years or older on the date they are admitted.

Social Determinants of Health Screening Positive

➤ Measure Description

- The Screen Positive Rate for Social Drivers of Health Measure provides information on the percentage of patients admitted for an inpatient hospital stay, and;
- Who are 18 years or older on the date of admission, and;
- Were screened for an HSRN, and;
- Who screens positive for one or more of the following five health-related social needs (HSRNs):
 - Food insecurity, housing instability, transportation problems, utility difficulties, or interpersonal safety.

