## Project Description / Purpose

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| **Project Name:** | *Z Code Utilization - Peds* |
| **Clinic:** | *HealthyU* |
| **Process:** | *Documenting Z code diagnosis via the use of the HRSN tool* |
| **TIP 2.0 Process Milestone:** | *Milestone 3* |
| **Project Description / Purpose** | |
| *Identification and adding of appropriate Z Code diagnosis via the use of the HRSN screening tool allows HealthyU to*  *have the ability to track and stratify social determinants of health needs across the patient population, including in*  *children and adolescents. Current utilization of Z codes diagnoses are relatively low. The purpose of this project is to*  *improve the identification and utilization of Z code diagnoses via the HRSN screening tool.* | |

## Project Overview

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| **Problem Summary:** | *HealthyU administers HRSN screenings to all patients & patient caregivers for children*  *as part of the patient check-in process. However, conversion of the HRSN screening*  *results into trackable Z-code diagnosis is currently at 14%. This limits the clinic’s ability*  *to track patient identified social needs across the entire patient population.* |
| **Desired Outcome(s):** | *Increase the number of patients with appropriate Z-code diagnoses.* |
| **Benefits:** | *This process will increase the opportunity to track patient health related social needs*  *across the patient population to identify trends related to social determinants of health*  *and address any areas where there is a need for additional community*  *resources/support.* |

## Timeline

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|  | **Description of Task and Completion Dates** |
| **Task 1** | *Meet with medical providers to determine barriers to conversion of HRSN screening results into Z-code*  *diagnosis (July 30)* |
| **Task 2** | *Complete a Root Cause Analysis to identify additional process issues (August 15)* |
| **Task 3** | *Identify medical providers who are excelling at Z code usage to leverage their support in the project*  *(August 15)* |
| **Task 4** | *Re-train medical providers on the Z-code diagnosis screening and attribution process (September 30)* |
| **Task 5** | *Monitor performance through PDSA cycles (December 31)* |

\* Add new rows as needed.

## Project Scope

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| **In Scope Project Objectives** |
| *The primary objective of this project is to utilize quality improvement strategies to increase utilization of Z-code*  *diagnoses.* |
| **Out of Scope Project Objectives or Activities** |
| *We are not changing the current HRSN screening process from the patient side, or changing the HRSN screening*  *tool.* |

## Project Team

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| **Team Lead:** | Kim Briggs | **Project Champion:** | Kim Briggs |
| **Process Owner:** | Kim Briggs | **Process Manager:** | Kim Briggs |

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| **Stakeholders** | | | |
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| **Project Team Members** | |  |
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## Signatures

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| **Process Owner** |  |
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| **Team Leader** |  |