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**Community Health Improvement Plan**

***What is it?***

Community health improvement plan (CHIP): An action-oriented plan outlining the priority community health issues (based on the community health assessment findings, community member input, and public health and health system partner input) and how these issues will be addressed, including strategies and measures, to ultimately improve the health of a community. The CHIP is developed through the community health improvement process.

**Required Characteristics of the CHIP**

1. Background information that does the following:

a. Describes the jurisdiction for which the CHIP pertains and a brief description of how this was determined.

b. Briefly describes the way in which community members and partners were engaged in development of the CHIP, particularly their involvement in both the issue prioritization and strategy development.

c. Includes a general description of partners and community members who have agreed to support CHIP action. Reference partners’ participation in the short term and long term as applicable.

2. Priority issues section that does the following:

a. Describes the process by which the priorities were identified.

b. Outlines the top priorities for action. The priorities need to include at least one priority aimed at addressing a social determinant of health that arose as a key determinant of a health inequity in the jurisdiction.

c. Includes a brief justification for why each issue is a priority.

3. A CHIP implementation plan that does the following:

a. Provides clear, specific, realistic, and action-oriented goals.

b. Contains the following:

i. Goals, objectives, strategies, and related performance measures for determined priorities in the short-term (one to two years) and intermediate term (two to four years),

ii. Realistic timelines for achieving goals and objectives.

iii. Designation of lead roles in CHIP implementation for partners, including health department and hospitals role.

iv. Formal presentation of the role of relevant partners in implementing the plan and a demonstration of the organization’s commitment to these roles via letters of support or accountability.

v. Emphasis on evidence-based strategies.

vi. A general plan for sustaining action.