

Linking Care & Community:

Strategies to Connect Rural Patients to Resources



Goals for Today



- Prompt new ways of thinking about SDOH screening
- Discover new ways to take action to meet patients' SDOH needs
- Brainstorm common challenges & solutions
- Commit to action



Federal Landscape - Inpatient

2026 Hospital Inpatient PPS Proposed Rule

- Proposes to remove Hospital Commitment to Health Equity (HCHE), SDOH-1 (screening rate) and SDOH-2 (screen positive rate) effective CY 2024
- Rule will be finalized in August 2025
- Emphasis on preventive care, wellness, and nutrition

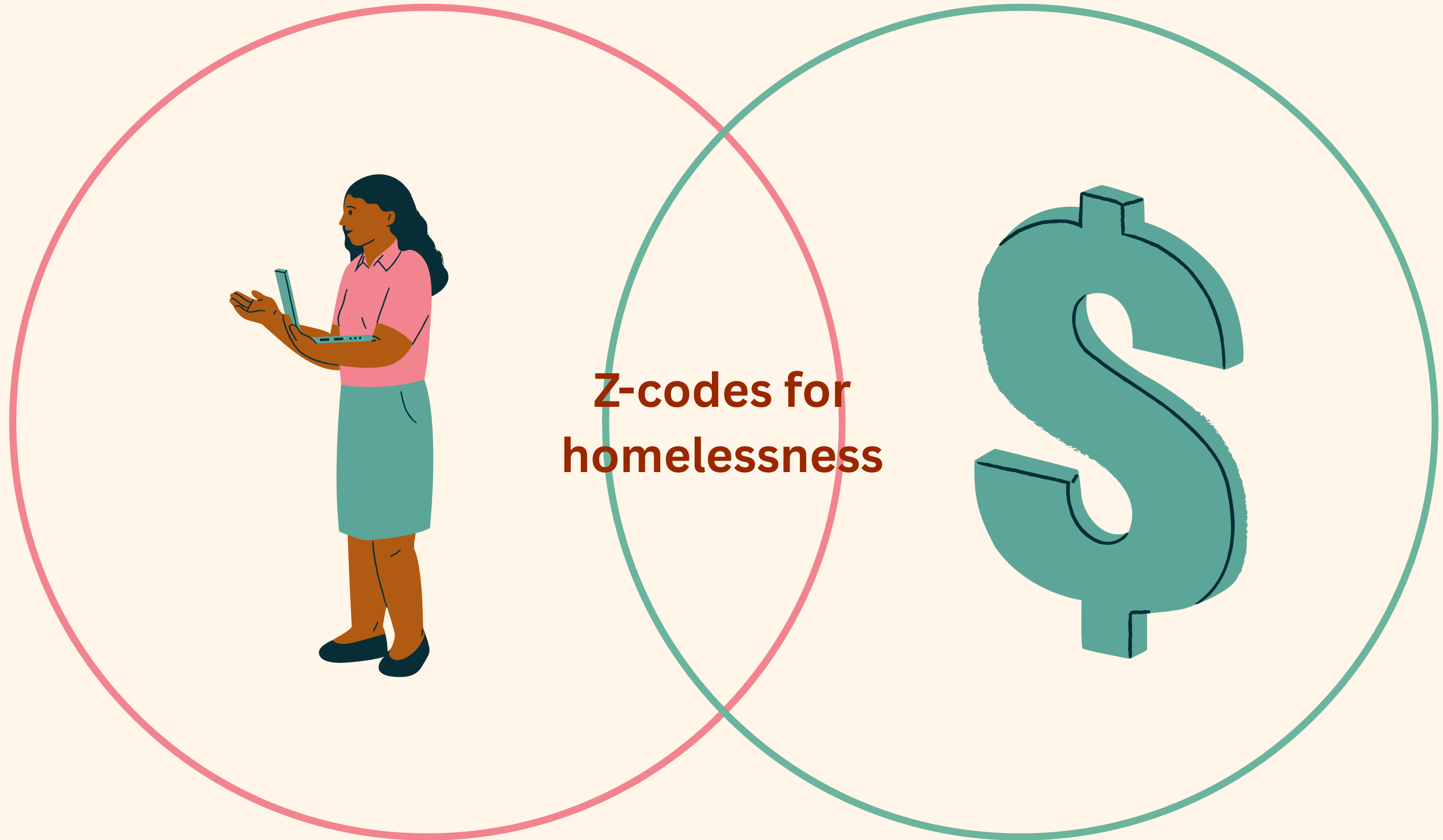
Medicare Beneficiary Quality Improvement Project

- CY 2025 core measures include SDOH-1 and SDOH-2
 - HCHE removed
- Latest requirements available here: https://www.telligen.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/MBQIP-2025-Information-Guide_v2.2_508.pdf

Federal Landscape - Outpatient

2025 Hospital Outpatient PPS and Ambulatory Surgery Center PS Final Rule

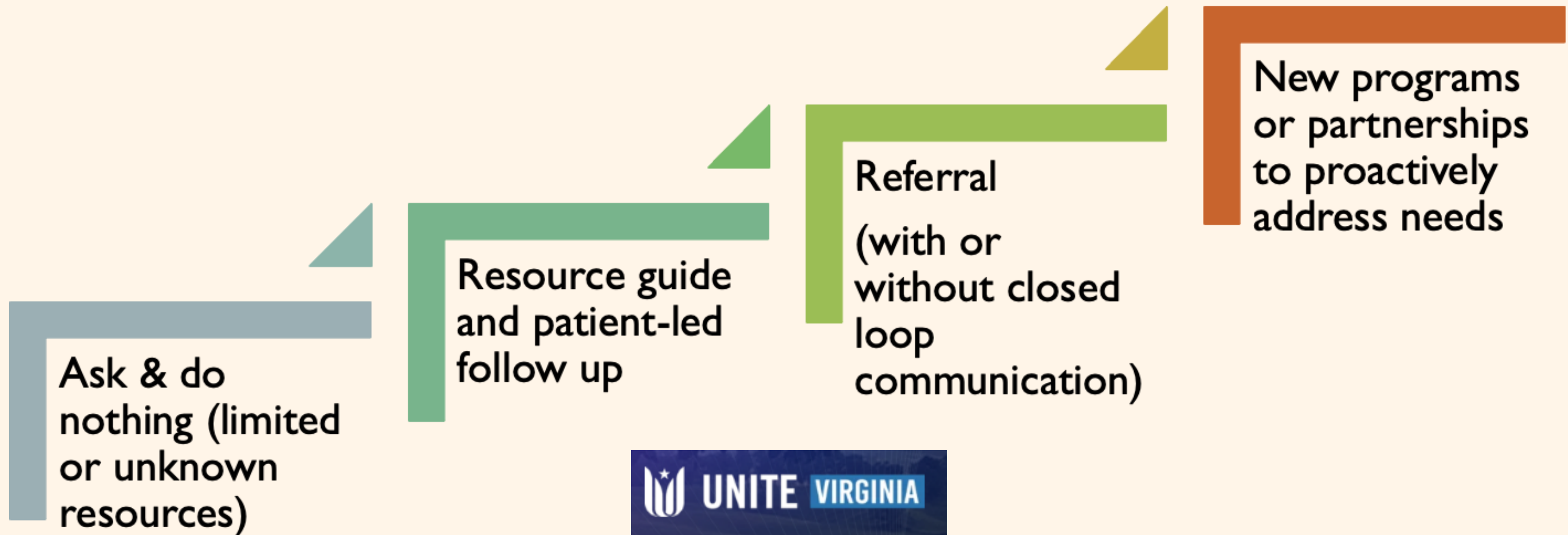
- Adds HCHE, SDOH-1, SDOH-2 to Hospital Outpatient Quality Reporting Program with voluntary reporting for CY2025, mandatory reporting 2026
- Anticipate FY2026 proposed rule In July

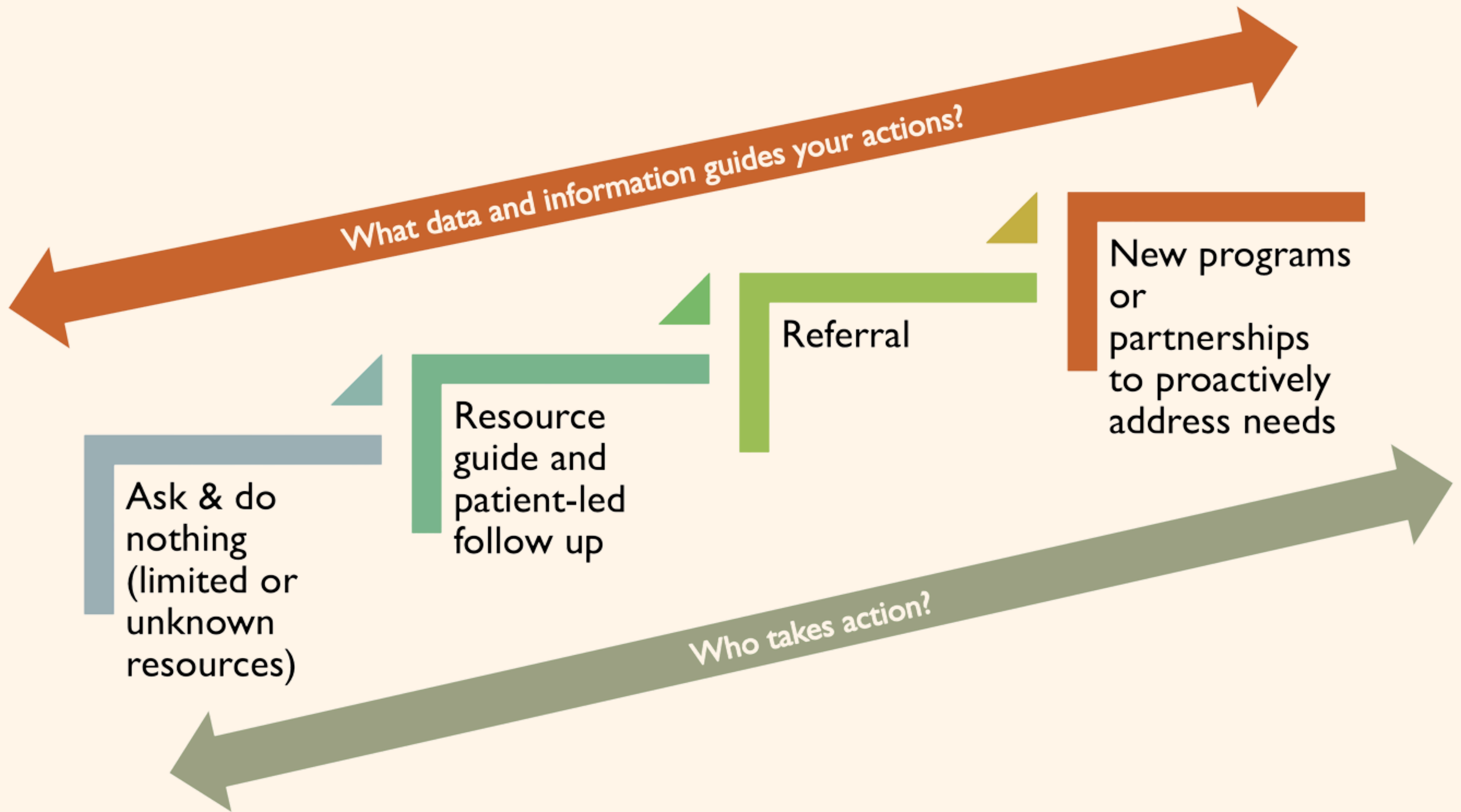


What are your plans?



- Are you currently screening?
- Do you plan to continue?
 - Any modifications?
- What value do you see in talking with patients about health-related social needs?







“There is something
empowering about
being asked. It sends a
message that your life
matters.”

-Melinda Gates



Let's Share



What challenges do you face in your work to screen for and address SDOH?



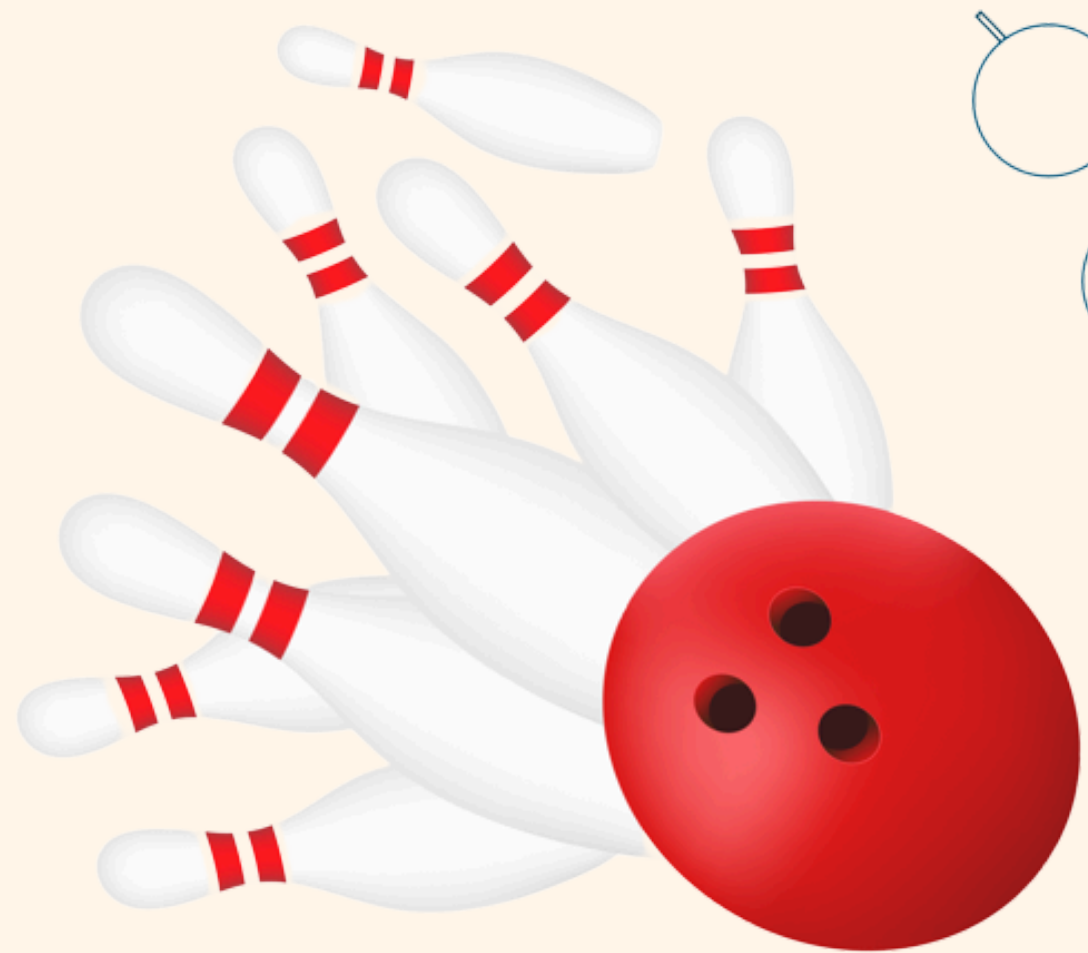
Which most accurately describes how you currently address SDOH needs?



What existing programs or partnerships do you have?



Lanes of Engagement



What will
you explore?



Thank you!

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