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From: Inpatient Value, Incentives, and Quality Reporting (VIQR) Outreach and Education Support Contractor
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Subject: Notice: The HHS Administration for Community Living (ACL) is hosting a special series of learning events and discussions around collaborative approaches to screening for health-related social needs (HRSN).

The HHS Administration for Community Living (ACL) is inviting hospitals, health systems, Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs) and community-based organizations (CBOs) to a special series of learning events and discussions around collaborative approaches to screening for health-related social needs (HRSN), connecting with community-based social services, and supporting transitions pre- and post-discharge. Here is information on the content to be covered during the series: [Care Transitions: Building Partnerships to Support Health Related Social Needs](#)

The monthly meeting series and peer discussion groups will run from January through August 2024. The goal is to leverage community partnerships and assets to address patient's unmet health-related social needs. This learning opportunity uses the [Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes \(ECHO\) Model®](#), an “all teach, all learn” approach to peer-based learning. Participating teams will learn from leaders with successful approaches to HRSN screening, referral, and care transition programs and be equipped with actionable strategies to implement in their own organizations.

***To participate in the virtual ECHO Series, hospitals must attend with a local CBO partner that serves older adults and people with disabilities.** ACO partners are also invited to participate as the series will address team-based approaches to care management and community health integration post-discharge. Recommended attendees may include case managers, discharge planning staff, quality measurement professionals, and senior leadership overseeing population health.*

Hospitals seeking a CBO partner to join the ECHO Series may consult these resources to identify a CBO that serves older adults and people with disabilities in their geographic area:

- [Eldercare Locator \(acl.gov\) \(https://eldercare.acl.gov/\)](https://eldercare.acl.gov/): locate CBOs using zip code or city/state
- [List of SILCs and CILs | ACL Administration for Community Living \(https://acl.gov/programs/centers-independent-living/list-cils-and-spils\)](https://acl.gov/programs/centers-independent-living/list-cils-and-spils): locate Centers for Independent Living (CILs) by state

If your organization has a CBO partner and is interested in participating, please complete this brief survey to indicate interest: [ACL Care Transitions ECHO \(smartsheet.com\)](https://smartsheet.com). If you have any questions, please contact caretransitions@lewin.com. We look forward to hearing from you!

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