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Aligning for Health Applauds the Release of the White House SDOH Playbook

WASHINGTON, DC (November 17, 2023) – [Aligning for Health](https://www.aligningforhealth.org), a leading advocacy coalition focused on improving health through improved coordination of services addressing health and social needs, applauds the White House for publishing the first ever [U.S. Playbook to Address Social Determinants of Health](#). Aligning for Health has long advocated for a comprehensive national plan to address the social determinants of health, through both its engagement with the Administration and bipartisan legislation in Congress — and the playbook represents important progress toward this goal.

Aligning for Health appreciated the opportunity to work with the Administration in developing this pivotal shift in how the U.S. perceives and addresses the nexus of health care and social. We look forward to continuing to support the White House in the implementation of this plan. Key shared priorities in the plan include (1) enabling appropriate data collection; (2) supporting flexible funding to support health and social need integration; and (3) supporting innovative organizations facilitating this work. The creation of an SDOH Data Working Group, [guidance](#) on improving health-related social needs (HRSNs), and integrating supports for underserved populations will advance progress towards better coordinated care and also drive evidence supporting the value of these interventions.

“The release of this Playbook and agency resources is the product of years of work to enhance the efficacy of our health system, improve cost savings for individuals and the federal government, and provide people with the care they deserve,” said **Aligning for Health chair Krista Drobac**. “We look forward to supporting the Administration to change how we collectively support the health and social needs of Americans at the federal, state, and local level.

Building on this historic announcement, Aligning for Health and RISE will be hosting the White House at the [SDOH Policy Forum](#) on December 5 and 6 in Washington, D.C. The conference will also feature bipartisan conversations on how new investments in social needs can increase the government’s return on investment in health and social service programs, as well as improve health outcomes for some of our most vulnerable patients.