

IQR Enhancements: Gravity Project Recommendations for Interpersonal Safety Process

The Inpatient Quality Reporting (IQR) Inpatient Prospective Payment System (IPPS) Screening for Social Drivers of Health and Screen Positive for Social Drivers of Health Measures [enters reporting in January 2024](#).

The Social Drivers of Health Measure domains include Food Insecurity, Housing Instability (Inadequate Housing, Homelessness, Housing Instability), Transportation Needs, **Utility Difficulties, and Interpersonal Safety** aligned with the [AHC HRSN](#).

When Gravity Project addressed Interpersonal Safety in 2021, Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) subdivided Interpersonal Safety into measurable distinct subdomains with unique dimensions, instruments, and interventions: Elder Abuse and Intimate Partner Violence (IPV). It did not address Child Abuse and Abuse of Non-Elder Vulnerable Adults at the time. These domains were placed on the roadmap for future work. SMEs did **not** recommend using general Interpersonal Safety questions, and thus they are not included in Gravity Project standards.

To assist implementers of the IQR Social Drivers of Health Measure, Gravity leveraged its consensus process to create guidance on how to address the Social Drivers of Health Measure approach to general Interpersonal Safety within existing Gravity Project standards. See the graphic below.

- Gravity Project recommends preparing for Interpersonal Safety screening with the Confidentiality Universal Education and Empowerment and Support ([CUES model](#)).
- Implementers can, if necessary, then use general Interpersonal Safety questions for population screening (e.g. AHC HRSN).
- With positive findings, further questioning on details of the perpetrator can direct implementers to Gravity Standards for Elder Abuse and IPV. View Gravity Project Elder Abuse and IPV value sets [here](#).
- For the Interpersonal Safety Domains that are pending, detailed guidance from Gravity Project will be determined in time.

