

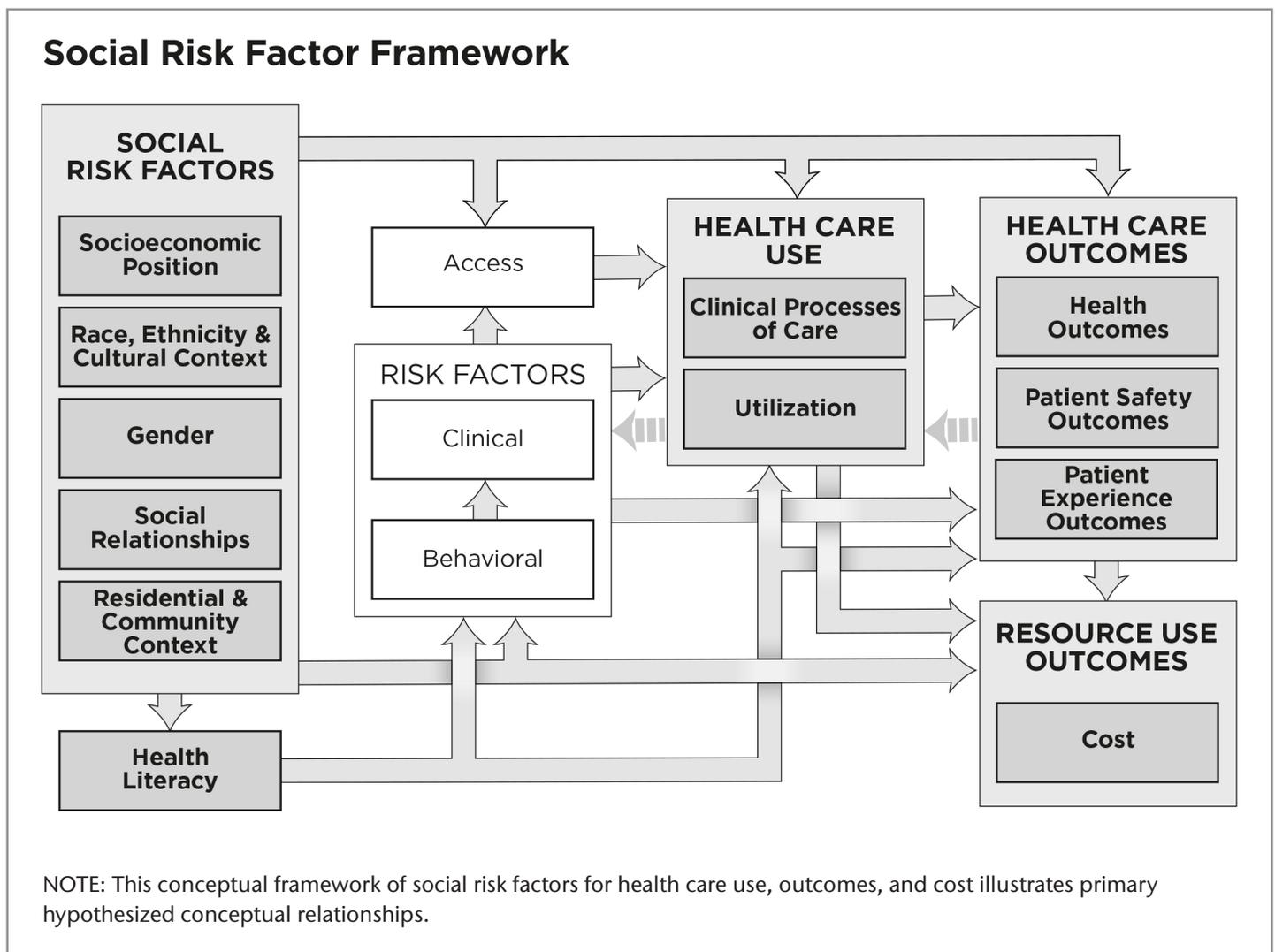
# ACCOUNTING FOR SOCIAL RISK FACTORS IN MEDICARE PAYMENT: IDENTIFYING SOCIAL RISK FACTORS

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The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, acting through the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (ASPE), has asked the Institute of Medicine of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine to convene an ad hoc committee to identify social risk factors that affect the health outcomes of Medicare beneficiaries and methods to account for these factors in Medicare payment programs. The committee's work will be conducted in phases and will produce five brief consensus reports.

In this first report, the committee presents a conceptual framework, shown below, and describes the results of a literature search linking social risk factors, including socioeconomic position, to health-related measures of importance to Medicare payment and quality programs.



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In subsequent reports, the committee will specify criteria that could be used in determining which social factors should be accounted for in Medicare quality measurement and payment programs; identify methods that could be used in the application of these social factors to quality measurement and/or payment methodologies; and recommend existing or new sources of data and/or strategies for data collection. ASPE has also asked the committee to produce a brief report identifying best practices of high-performing hospitals, health plans, and other providers that serve disproportionately higher shares of socioeconomically disadvantaged populations and compare those best practices to practices of low-performing providers serving similar patient populations. The final report will provide the committee with the opportunity to synthesize and interpret issues from the previous reports and will include comprehensive project findings, conclusions, and recommendations based on the four previous reports.◆◆

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