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Aligning Health and Social Service Systems to Improve Population Health

The *American Journal of Public Health (AJPH)* intends to publish a Supplement issue “Aligning Health and Social Service Systems to Improve Population Health: Science, Policy, and Practice.” A dearth of research-tested approaches currently exists for achieving health equity by intervening on social and environmental determinants of health at a systems level, sometimes referred as Public Health 3.0. These include poverty, discrimination, lack of access to good jobs with fair pay, poor educational opportunities, food insecurity, exposure to household and community violence, and involvement with the criminal justice system. *AJPH* invites original research articles reporting the implementation and impact of novel models, aligning determinants – such as housing, transportation, educational reforms, income and employment assistance, child and family supports, and legal services – with medical services and public health programs. Evaluation of interventions in which medical care, social services, and public health services act in a coordinated fashion can include delivery and financing systems. System alignment mechanisms can take many forms, including shared governance models, platforms for data exchange and integration, bundled and blended payment models, and cross-cutting workforce components such as navigators and integrators. Accepted papers will be published within a supplement featuring the latest evidence from studies of system alignment models tested in communities across the United States, along with a careful discussion of the policies and practices needed to spread and sustain these models. This special issue is made possible with support by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

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