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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.

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 should have an interest in or already have a formal or informal relationship with a local CBO 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. Hospitals seeking a CBO partner will receive support in identifying one. Recommended attendees may include case managers, discharge planning staff, quality measurement professionals, and senior leadership overseeing population health.

If your organization is interested in participating, please complete this brief survey prior to January 12, 2024 to indicate interest: [ACL Care Transitions ECHO \(smartsheet.com\)](#). If you have any questions or would like support identifying a CBO partner, please contact caretransitions@lewin.com. We look forward to hearing from you!