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CHA Welcomes Missouri Hospital Association Initiative

The Catholic Health Association welcomes the Missouri Hospital Association's initiative to reflect how both clinical and sociodemographic factors can affect patient outcomes. Many factors beyond clinical considerations can affect the recovery and health of patients, such as whether a patient can afford medications, has access to healthy food and safe places to exercise, or has housing and living conditions conducive to healing. The MHA's experience using information about patients' poverty status in addition to clinical factors in quality assessment will assist researchers and policy makers as they consider incorporating sociodemographic adjustments in quality measures used in reporting or pay-for-performance programs.