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The National Association of Social Workers North Carolina Chapter (NASW-NC) is a membership organization that promotes, develops, and protects the practice of social work and social workers. NASW-NC also seeks to enhance the effective functioning and well-being of individuals, families and communities through its work and advocacy.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Concept Paper, *Using Standardized Social Determinants of Health Screening Questions to Identify and Assist Patients with Unmet Health-related Resource Needs in North Carolina*, published April 5, 2018.

NASW-NC supports the screening questions that will be used to help address unmet health needs.

We do have concerns about a lack of focus on the aging population; other than transportation needs. It would be ideal to have a screening section for older adults. Questions may include:

- Are you able to remember to take medication as prescribed?
- Are you having issues with transportation that fit your needs?
- Do you feel overwhelmed by your current housing situation?
- Do you feel someone is available to assist you with your care at home when you aren't feeling well?
- Do you have any issues with your home that you have difficulty knowing how to take care of?
- Are you feeling overwhelmed with your ongoing health needs?
- Are you able to cook and prepare meals? Do you have other options to ensure you have food?
- Do you feel like you know what to do if you are having an emergency or any other concerns?

Sincerely,

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