

We reviewed the evidence on the impact of social services on health care utilization and costs



ROI Calculator for Homelessness to Address the Social Determinants of Health

Evidence Review

HOUSING

There is strong evidence that providing housing for adults and families, or at least of becoming homeowners, is an important factor in reducing health care utilization and costs. This finding is based on 13 studies that included 10,000 individuals with a history of homelessness. These studies consistently found that housing for adults and families, or at least of becoming homeowners, is an important factor in reducing health care utilization and costs. Some studies also found that housing for the homeless is a cost-effective intervention for reducing health care utilization and costs. A meta-analysis of 13 studies found that housing for the homeless is a cost-effective intervention for reducing health care utilization and costs. The average cost of housing for the homeless is \$12,200 per person per month, and the average savings in health care costs is \$1,500 per person per month.

Study	Design	Homelessness intervention	Type of outcomes	Interventions used	Results on utilization and costs of care
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- Synthesized peer-reviewed and gray literature: target populations, study description and intervention cost, impact on utilization and cost
- Nationally representative service cost and utilization benchmarking data (demographics forthcoming)
- Provides input values for ROI calculations
- Supplements your own patient or program data



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