

Proposal for Health Status portions of the new MUA Process to be tested

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- Four variable SDI represents risk of poor health 50% of health status weight*
- Direct measures of poor health represent 50% of health status weight
 - Mortality:
 - Standardized Mortality Ratio
 - Morbidity:
 - Diabetes prevalence (BRFSS)
 - Low birth Weight
 - Disability (BRFSS measure one question v. several on ACS)**

Two measures this group thought were important but thought belonged in access (weren't direct measures of health)

- Prevention measures
 - Pap smear (something for men?)
- Ambulatory Care Sensitive Conditions

*The four variables are: poverty (% below 100%), % of households that are single parent households, % of persons with less than a high school diploma, unemployment rate. The weights were assigned via empirical research done by the Graham Center and replicated by JSI.

**BRFSS: one question asked "are you limited in any way in any activities because of physical, mental, or emotional problems?". ACS uses a series of questions: hearing difficulty; vision difficulty; cognitive difficulty; ambulatory difficulty; self-care difficulty.