Spending on health care has grown steadily for decades, as has the national health expenditure (NHE) as a percentage of GDP. Because more than half of Americans receive healthcare coverage through their employers, the private sector bears a significant portion of these costs. Addressing social determinants of health as a mechanism for cost savings is emerging as a crucial strategy for driving down health-related costs for businesses and individuals alike. Our research, “Building a Business Case for Health Equity,” seeks to understand the return on investment (ROI) for companies engaged in strategies intended to remove barriers to health for their employees and the communities in which they work and live. Our December 12 webinar will review our process for collecting data, provide an overview of our findings, and outline next steps for the project.

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