

HI-C

HEALTH IMPACT CHECKLIST

The Health Impact Checklist (HI-C) is a relatively simple approach that can suggest answers to important questions about the potential health impacts of a decision.

POTENTIAL TOPICS FOR HEALTH IMPACT CHECKLIST

- Planning and Zoning**
(Pedestrian transportation, zoning and student housing, landfill siting, school siting, vacant lot redevelopment)
- Housing**
(Public housing redevelopment, housing code enforcement policies, mobile home ordinances, senior housing development)
- Natural Resource Management**
(Natural gas development projects, water system extension, waterway cleanup plans, wind energy development)
- Community Development**
(Historical preservation and revitalization, bike share programs, waterfront revitalization, new library development and siting)
- Tax and Budget Policy**
(Food taxes, low-income housing tax credits, utility fee for transit development)
- Other**
(Transitional jobs programs, school discipline policies, urban greenway development)



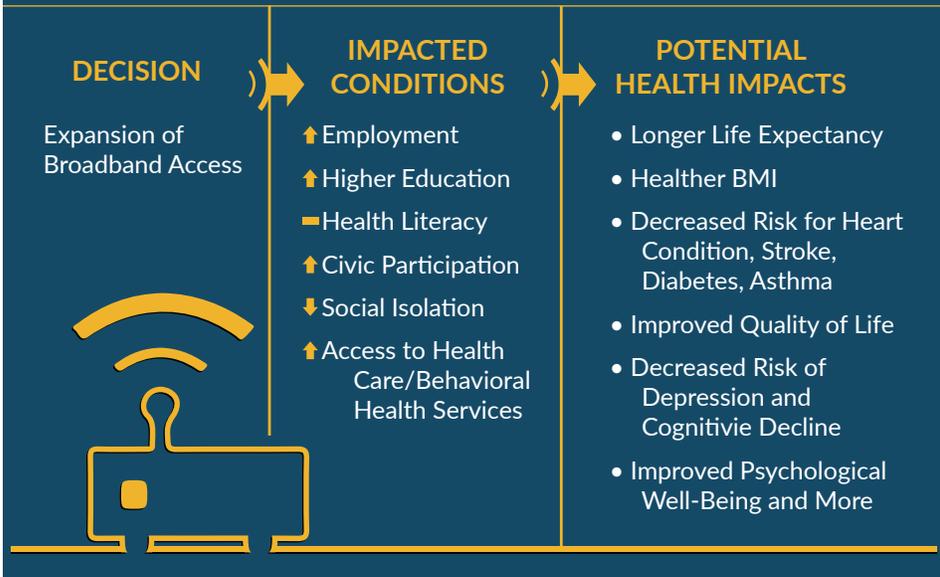
Using the Health Impact Checklist to Recognize Health Impacts of Decisions

Every day, policymakers wrestle with big and small decisions including landfill siting, vacant lot redevelopment, utility deferment program, wind energy development, among other. These decisions can shape what communities look like across Kansas and have implications on the health and quality of life for its residents.

As policymakers juggle competing priorities, how can potential health impacts of these decisions be recognized early?

One strategy is to use the Health Impact Checklist (HI-C) tool. The HI-C tool asks a series of questions and uses a combination of check boxes and written responses to connect potential changes in social, economic and environmental conditions with potential health impacts. For example, what are the potential health impact of expansion of broadband access across Kansas?

HEALTH IMPACT DECISION: An Example of Broadband Access Expansion Across Kansas



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When should the Health Impact Checklist be used?
 The Hi-C can be used to inform decision-making for proposals that may appear to be unrelated to health, such as housing, transportation and land use.
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Who can complete the Health Impact Checklist?
 A variety of groups or individuals can assist with completing the HI-C, depending on the decision-making process and available resources. In general, organizations that work in public health — such as local and state health departments, universities, health coalitions and community organizations — are well suited to complete the HI-C. For a state-level proposal requiring legislation, key partners could include state agencies, the legislative research department, state associations or universities.
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How long does it take to complete the Health Impact Checklist?
 It should take between eight and 24 hours to complete the HI-C. The amount of effort will depend on the number of conditions selected for review.

For more information about the HI-C, please contact the Kansas Health Institute at info@khi.org