



## Women's Health Council of RI

### SCREENING FOR FOOD INSECURITY

Providers can assess their patient's food insecurity by using this screening tool.

This tool uses a subset of two questions from the USDA Household Food Security Scale (HFSS).

These screens are designed to identify food insecurity in a family as a whole.

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1. Within the past 12 months we worried whether our food would run out before we got money to buy more **(YES/NO)**.
  2. Within the past 12 months the food we bought just didn't last and we didn't have money to get more **(YES/NO)**.
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Affirmative answers to either one of these two questions increases the likelihood of food insecurity existing in the household and should precipitate further questioning.

SOURCE: Thundermist Health Center

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