



CIAAG 8-Point Strategy: Education

CIAAG has developed an 8-Point Strategy to address healthcare disparities in the nation. Recent policy changes devised to combat drug misuse have exacerbated healthcare disparities in a number of areas.

We have identified 8 areas of public policy that need to be addressed in order to accomplish the nation's goals of reducing healthcare costs, decreasing disability rates and overdose rates.

The 2nd point of the 8-Point Strategy is focused on Education , including but not limited to, the following:

- Require Medical Schools and Continuing Medical Education to include palliative care educational classes
- Illustrate the differences between addiction and the medical use of pain medications
- Establish a definition that establishes the difference between palliative care and hospice
- Demonstrate to enhance understanding regarding proper patient/caregiver communications
- Education on medical mental and emotional manipulation commonly referred to as gaslighting and its deleterious impact on the patient.
- Include balanced stakeholder representation in medical educational events, conferences and legislative discussions
- Education regarding the management of complex patients
- Develop education and provide parameters on how to manage patients who fail urine drug screens