



CIAAG 8-Point Strategy: Financial & Opportunity Costs

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 6th point of the 8-Point Strategy is focused on Oversight, including but not limited to, the following:

- Increase in overdose rates
- Increased use of illicit substances to self-medicate, alcohol & illicit drugs
- Decrease economic activity due to increased use of sick days
- Increased disability rate
- Increased suicide rate
- Decreased quality of life
- Lost time with social interactions with friends, family and the community
- Decrease life-expectancy



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