



Consider The Impact of Health Disparities

Health disparities can lead to poor patient outcomes and significant excess financial cost.

Social determinants of health include:

economic stability, education access and quality, healthcare access and quality, neighborhood and built environment, and social and community contexts.¹



Health Outcome Contributors



80%-90%
social
determinants



10%-20%
medical
care³

Yet, an estimated **95%** of health expenditures are on medical costs.⁴

1 in 10 Americans live in poverty with the inability to afford healthcare, healthy food, and housing.¹



In the United States:

Health disparities have amounted to **\$93 billion** in excess medical cost annually.⁵



Dual Eligible Individuals



1.5 times higher hospital utilization



70% higher use of high-risk drugs



18% higher avoidable hospital readmissions

as opposed to non-dual eligible individuals²

Dual eligible = someone eligible for Medicare and Medicaid

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