From Population to Pocketbook: Measuring the Impact of Alzheimer's and Cognitive Loss

Healthcare

The burden is large
The impact is major
There are ways to intervene

Public health
13.7% of 60+ report memory loss.

4 in 10 report difficulties in household chores or work/social activities.

Nearly one third live alone.

82.2% have not talked to a health care provider.
2011 BRFSS Cognitive Module (22 States)
Percent of Individuals 60+ with Memory Loss Not Speaking to a Health Care Provider

Average Across 22 States – 80.7%
States that have committed to include the Cognitive Module in the 2015 and/or 2016 BRFSS survey

- 46 States/territories committed
- 6 States/territories have not committed

Updated Sept. 2015
COMING SOON! BRFSS 2015 DATA

Cognitive Module:
• Confusion, memory loss over last 12 months
• Giving up or needing assistance with activities (cooking, taking meds, driving, paying bills)
• Ability to get help needed
• Discussed with healthcare professional

Caregiver Module:
• Regular care or assistance over last 30 days
• Hours per week & for how long
• Main health problem & nature of care
• Support services needed (not currently getting)
Promoting and assuring early detection

- Early detection and diagnosis are best ways to provide better care and outcomes
  - Early intervention
  - Independent living
  - Better management of multiple chronic conditions
  - Reduce use of costly services
  - Lessen burden of caregiving through awareness of support & resources
Costs to Healthcare & Long Term Care
Source: Alzheimer’s Association, 2015 Alzheimer’s Disease Facts and Figures

ONE IN EVERY FIVE MEDICARE DOLLARS IS SPENT ON SOMEONE WITH ALZHEIMER’S

HIGHER MEDICARE COSTS DUE TO ALZHEIMER’S

- Cancer: 53%
- Heart Disease: 61%
- Diabetes: 81%

ALZHEIMER’S WILL COST THE NATION $1.1 TRILLION IN 2050

BY 2030
$220 BILLION

2025 GOAL

BUT...
If we achieve the National Alzheimer’s Plan 2025 goal, there will be a total savings of $220 billion over the first five years.
Costs to Medicaid in South Carolina
Source: Alzheimer’s Association: The Impact of Alzheimer’s Disease on Medicaid Costs: A Growing Burden for States

$520 Million
2015 Medicaid Costs
for South Carolinians 65+ Living with Alzheimer’s or related dementia.

$840 Million
By 2025 (just 10 years!)

6th highest projected increase in the US!
Where do we go from here?

We’re working to implement PLANS with PARTNERS. Join our efforts!

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