

IS DIABETES HEALTHCARE ACCESSIBLE AND PROPERLY MANAGED FOR ALL PATIENTS?

Barriers of access for immigrants



Certain regulations and rules, such as the public charge rule, target immigrants and create fear of seeking medical help and care



Patient Experiences

What is the public charge rule?

The rule states that certain government healthcare benefits can impact green card and visa applications

Avoiding the “Public Charge Rule”

“We didn’t want to depend on government help because we didn’t want any problems.”(Horton, 2018)

“They said that if I had gotten help then...I could have prevented the damage. But now the damage is permanent,” (Horton, 2018)

Long term health problems



Avoiding necessary healthcare treatment out of fear leads to worsened medical issues



Unequal treatment quality by Region



Depending on where you live, you may experience higher wait times and mismanaged patient care in comparison to other areas



Hospitals mismanaging Diabetes care in Chile

“I've been waiting since February. And you know what they said to my mum? That I don't exist in the system, that I haven't gotten an appointment because I have never seen the doctor before!”(González-Agüero, 2019)

Diabetes clinicians deciding between patient needs and company goals

“As a provider, you want to address all of your patient's needs. But it is challenging to do it. ... From the management side, you're being told to see more patients, get more to goal A1c, make more money.”(Hunt, 2019)

Profit over Patients



Healthcare companies focus on improving profits and metrics over individual patient needs and care



Patient’s daily lives are altered



Fears of utilizing healthcare, long wait times, and clinicians not focusing on individual patient needs all affect the daily lives of people battling diabetes.

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