## Subject: Re: DHS-8-PGSSC-Total\_Household\_Expenditure-Template Posted by bat1117 on Fri, 15 Mar 2019 20:25:36 GMT

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The devastating overall impact, specifically emotional and financial, of trauma, necessary surgery and post-operative care persists far beyond the incident or progressing and mounting episodes. I believe we all agree. Are there plans to develop systems and programs that support ongoing post-operative policies that will provide patients (lower income patients) centralized (or even decentralized) healthcare information services to which they can access for questions and concerns after their surgery has been completed? May I recommend that such "tertiary services" be debated in terms of the long-term benefit for surgical patients and families. The surgical costs, being relatively enormous, at this time, might preclude lower/middle income patients and families from seeking ongoing more long-term care information from fear of driving up personal costs. If sustainable post-operative health care "information-access" systems and services were available for these populations, overall healing and survival might demonstrate increases and the costs for delays in accessing care could be averted.

I commend the valiant efforts of global surgical advocates and it is an honor to serve with any of them. Nevertheless, I advocate that surgical efforts for ALL lower income patients result in success. Providing health information and responding to surgical patient questions (without driving) up post-operative costs seems achievable though an innovative systems approach.

Please, consider the value of post-operative health and care information access systems. The long-term payoff for sequential information systems and services could be powerful!