Healthcare cost journey for survivors of firearm injuries

RESOURCE BURDEN OF NONFATAL FIREARM INJURIES IN A COMMERCIALLY INSURED POPULATION

Every day, hundreds of people are injured by firearms in the United States. To better understand the healthcare costs for survivors of firearm injuries, Milliman examined the cost journey for a commercially insured population under age 65. This included the costs for the initial treatment and in the six months before and after the firearm injury event (FIE).

Milliman found that firearm injuries are more prevalent in men, who sustained six times more nonfatal firearm injuries than women.

AVERAGE COSTS BEFORE AND AFTER FIREARM INJURY EVENT

The healthcare costs of firearm injuries are substantial for the wounded. While initial treatment of the firearm injury is the single largest cost contributor, costs per patient persist in the six months following the injury and were on average 2.7x higher than the preceding six months.

For more information on FIE characteristics and costs, visit: www.milliman.com/firearminjurycost