HEAL: Health Economics Analysis for Ibogaine

Unveiling Cost Savings & Public Health Benefits

HEAL delivers a comprehensive financial analysis quantifying ibogaine therapy's potential cost savings for state governments. This research models the economic and societal benefits of integrating ibogaine therapy for opioid addiction withdrawal treatment under state-level initiatives, empowering decision-makers with essential financial data relevant to ibogaine legislation.

Key Benefits:

- **Informed Budget Planning for the Legislature:** Provides data-driven insights to help lawmakers understand how ibogaine therapy can reduce state healthcare expenditures, including lower emergency care costs, reduced long-term treatment needs, and decreased relapse rates.
- **Strengthening State Initiatives:** Supports the goals of emerging state-level therapies by delivering rigorous financial analysis that bolsters legislative proposals for funding and policy development.
- **Optimized Use of State Resources:** Demonstrates alignment with state priorities—curbing criminal justice expenses, enhancing workforce productivity, and alleviating the opioid crisis.
- **Designed for Legislative Action:** Structured as a clear funding proposal within emerging therapy budgets, providing state decision-makers with an actionable, fiscally responsible strategy to advance ibogaine therapy.

Project Cost: $534,250

- $339,250   Health Economic Analysis
- $75,000   Data Access & Management
- $120,000   Project Coordination & Stakeholder Engagement

(Note: These figures exclude an 8% administrative fee charged by Addiction is a Dis-Ease Foundation, the nonprofit through which funds are managed.)

Part of a Larger Initiative: This project is connected with the **HOPE initiative**, which evaluates five psychedelic-assisted therapies for their financial and public health benefits. (Also seeking funding)

Immediate & Future Impact: Offers state legislators clear, actionable financial projections that reinforce the role of ibogaine therapy in long-term mental health and addiction treatment strategies.

Project Partners:

- Addiction is a Dis-Ease Foundation
- University of Texas at Austin
- University of California, Berkeley
- University of California, San Francisco
- Yale University
- Johns Hopkins University
- MSide Solutions

Ibogaine 101: Rapid Education for State Decision-Makers

Empowering State Leadership with Science-Based, Targeted Education

Overview: A streamlined educational program custom-designed for state legislature members and government officials. This non-advocacy education program equips policymakers with the essential insights required to support evidence-based decision-making at critical policy junctures.

Curriculum Focus:

- **Ibogaine Science & Mechanisms:** Neurobiological properties, pharmacology, and evidence-based outcomes
- **Safety & Implementation:** Risk assessment, medical protocols, and monitoring requirements
- **Treatment Applications:** Effectiveness for opioid use disorder and other potential applications
- **Regulatory Framework:** Current legal status, implementation pathways, and economic considerations

Engaging & Accessible Delivery:

- Three 20-minute professionally narrated video modules (or equivalent 60-minute total content)
- Content optimized for both mobile and desktop viewing, accommodating busy schedules
- Downloadable reference materials including one-page summaries of key points
- Information designed for rapid absorption by non-medical decision-makers

Rapid Implementation Timeline:

- Designed specifically to align with legislative session requirements
- Modular structure allows flexible engagement based on time constraints
- Prioritization of most critical information legislators need for policy decisions

Expert-Led Sessions: Includes renowned industry leaders, such as **Dr. Andrea Barthwell**, alongside a network of subject matter experts available for immediate engagement.

Budget: ~$25,000

- Complete development and delivery of ibogaine-focused educational modules
- Includes professional narration, graphic design, and supplementary materials

Outcome: Equips state decision-makers with the precise knowledge required to evaluate ibogaine therapy initiatives, make evidence-based funding decisions, and position their states at the forefront of innovative approaches to addiction treatment.