

Tackling the problems: What works and what does not?

Swiss 4th and 5th Disability Insurance Law

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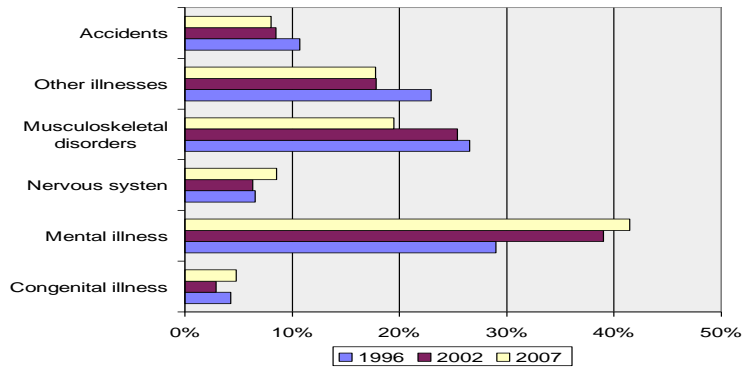
Background I

2007: Debt of approx. CHF13bn

2012: Debt of approx. CHF25bn

▶ Federal Pension system would be in danger of becoming insolvent within a few years.

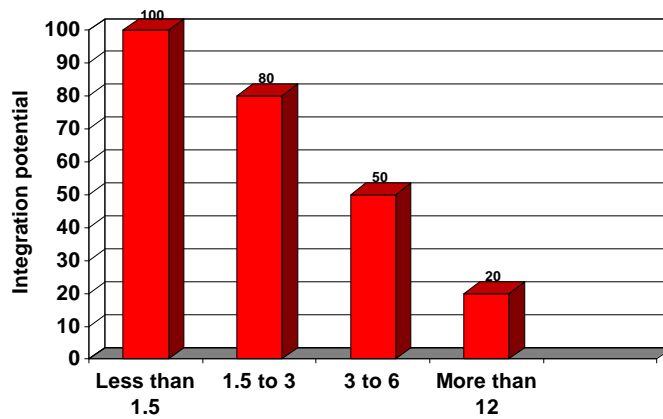
Background II: Breakdown of new benefit recipients according to cause of disability



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Background III: 94.5% of announcements after 12-month period



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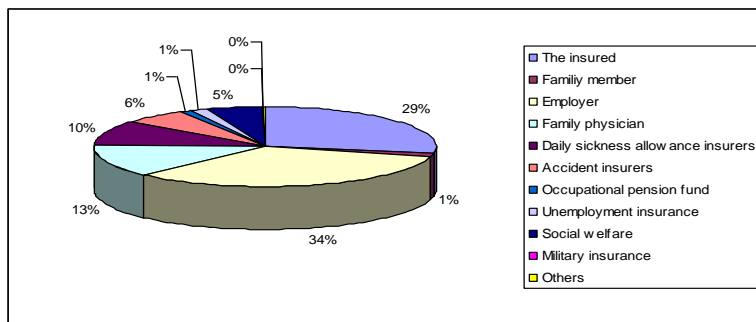
4th and 5th Disability Insurance Law Key innovations

- Implementation of insurance-run medical services
- Introduction of early detection and early intervention system
- Introduction of integration measures (special measures for mentally-ill persons)

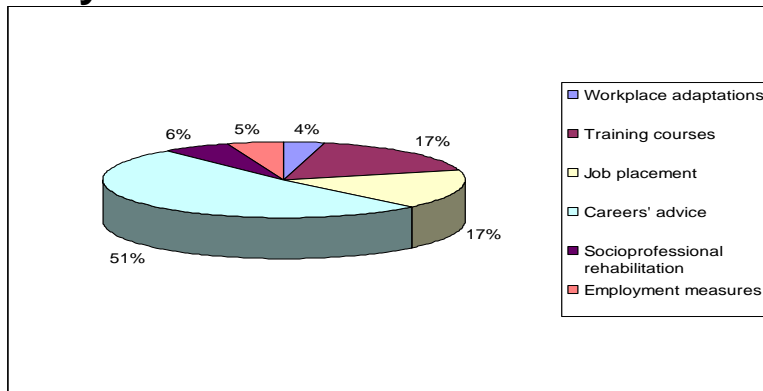
→ Cost savings through integration

→ Change in approach (Treating the person rather than the file)

What works I Early detection



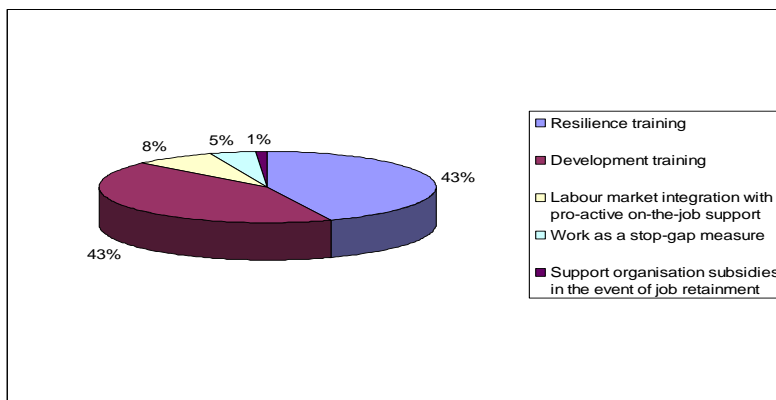
What works II Early intervention



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What still does not... Tailor-made measures for mentally ill persons



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Future Reforms 6th Disability Insurance Law

- Reinforce the funding structure of the insurance by
 - a) focussing the reassessment of disability benefits rehabilitation (outflow)
 - b) reshaping financial mechanisms
 - c) promoting competition in the supply of auxiliary measures
- Introduce contributions to the cost of assistance to encourage autonomy and responsibility among persons with disabilities

Long-term measures should be introduced as a second step by the end of 2010