

Supplemental Methods File

We chose to use thematic analysis because of its flexibility, focus on identifying patterns across data sources, and ability to provide a detailed account of a set of themes (in our case, themes related to financial barriers and facilitators to firearm and medication storage; 1). As we were interested in understanding participants' perceptions of financial barriers and facilitators to secure storage without fitting these perceptions into a pre-existing framework, we used an inductive coding strategy in which our themes were based on the data. Study authors work in Veterans Affairs Medical Centers in suicide prevention, and have experience in mixed-methods research and lived experience related to firearm use and suicide. We used bracketing to increase trustworthiness of results (2). Interviews were double-coded for reliability and the analysis team met regularly to discuss coding decisions. The study was approved by the Colorado Multiple Institutional Review Board, and all participants provided informed consent prior to participation. The study team met regularly to review findings and interviews were conducted until thematic saturation was reached (3).

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