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1. **WHAT** is the important (perhaps troublesome) trend related to health in Georgia? What is the shape of this trend over the past several years?

2. **WHO** are the stakeholders concerned about the trend?

3. **WHY** this trend (what’s the cause, what is responsible)?

4. **WHERE** is there leverage (some policy) to address the underlying cause of the trend?

5. **HOW** will it work? How will it play out over time? How might unintended consequences occur? How might the policy positively or negatively impact:
   a) Health status?
   b) State health spending?
   c) Health care system?
   d) Health equity?

6. **WHEN** would the policy create an impact on health status? When would you see an improvement in some other indicators (i.e., spending, services)?

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