

EMERGING FROM COVID-19: AN ACTION PLAN FOR A HEALTHIER STATE

Recommendations for New Jersey from the COVID-19 Work Group

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	Data & Public Report	Funding/ Contracting	Innovation	Legis/ Policy	Technology	Access	Savings	Equity
	Methods					Benefits		
Create and Support a Resilient and Diverse Health Care Workforce for the Future								
1. Collect, analyze, publish health care workforce supply data to inform state strategy for development and retention.	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓
2. Create Workforce Council to analyze data and develop 10-year strategic plan.				✓		✓	✓	✓
3. Improve health care licensing and credentialing systems to better deploy workforce.		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
4. Evaluate outcomes of expanded licensure and scope of practice during pandemic to guide further regulatory change.	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
5. Improve utilization of Medical Reserve Corps to support public health.		✓			✓	✓	✓	
6. Develop and expand behavioral health programs for health care workforce.		✓				✓	✓	
7. Expand Medication-Assisted Treatment prescribing ability for providers treating people with Opioid Use Disorder.				✓		✓	✓	
Increase Support for Alternative Delivery of Care and Payment Models								
8. Convene the Telehealth Review Commission and adopt regulations to support growth.				✓				✓
9. Test state and industry supplied telehealth and remote monitoring equipment to increase access.		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
10. Continue telehealth and remote monitoring in clinical trials.	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
11. Implement the Manatt Report recommendations.		✓		✓			✓	
12. Support home-based medical care models.		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
13. Adopt statewide plan for healthy aging.		✓		✓		✓	✓	✓
14. Track and set spending goals for high quality primary care.	✓			✓			✓	
15. Expand use and align payment models for patient-centered primary care.	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	
16. Facilitate and leverage connections between primary care and public health to improve population health and trust in public health.		✓	✓				✓	✓
17. Issue "Integrated Facility" licensing regulations.		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
18. Advance Medicaid integrated physical and mental health payment changes.		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Promote Public Policies that Address Social Determinants of Health (SDOH) and Lead to Greater Health Equity								
19. Use community engagement to identify the most critical SDOH needs surfaced during the pandemic.	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓
20. Use Medicaid waiver and state funding to support evidence-based models of services that address SDOH.		✓	✓			✓	✓	✓
21. Increase public reporting of demographic data on health outcomes to address disparities.	✓	✓		✓				✓
Revitalize and Reorganize Our Public Health Infrastructure								
22. Assess the structure of public health and improve resource allocation.	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓
23. Align public health with emergency management, health care system, and community-based organizations to build trust and efficiencies.	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓
24. Create universal immunization registry for adults to improve public health data.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	