



The Honorable Andy Beshear
Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky
700 Capitol Avenue, Suite 100
Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

March 18, 2020

Dear Governor Beshear,

On behalf of Americans for Prosperity and all our activists across Kentucky, we encourage you to take swift and targeted action to address the legitimate public safety and economic challenges associated with the spread of the novel coronavirus.

State and local officials across the country have also taken action to address concerns, some more effectively than others.

Americans for Prosperity on March 17 issued a [guidance memo](#) for state-based reforms that policymakers should adopt to help respond to the spread of COVID-19 and expand access to critical health care services for those who need it.

In accordance with that memo, Americans for Prosperity encourages you to issue an executive order to:

- **Lift regulatory barriers on telehealth and telemedicine for all patients, including those on public health programs such as Medicaid.** This will allow medical professionals to provide services to a larger number of patients while also limiting the potential spread of the virus which could result from traditional, in-person office visits.
- **Waive scope of practice restrictions for nurses and non-physician providers.** This will empower these health care professionals to deliver more within hospitals and provide more care in patients' homes.
- **Lift licensing barriers to allow health care providers to work in the states with greatest need, regardless of the state in which they are licensed.** This will free medical professionals to fully provide the services they are trained to provide and increase access to health care services.
- **Renew all expired state-administered health licenses, permits, certifications, and registrations for the duration of the health emergency.** This will free medical professionals to fully provide the services they are trained to provide and increase access to health care services.

The above actions will position Kentucky to rapidly address the public health emergency effectively. Numerous states have already adopted such measures. Ensuring that high-risk populations have access to critical health care services is a priority for governments and communities across the country.

We are hopeful that together, we will effectively overcome the challenges we face. #KYTogether

Sincerely,
Michael Conway
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