



The Honorable Michelle Lujan Grisham
Governor of New Mexico
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Dear Governor Grisham,

On behalf of Americans for Prosperity and all our activists across New Mexico, we appreciate the swift and targeted actions you have taken to address the legitimate public safety and economic challenges associated with the spread of the novel coronavirus.

While state and local officials across the country have also taken action to address concerns, you have done so with decisive leadership.

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.

Keeping in spirit with the aggressive movement you have made and in accordance with that memo, Americans for Prosperity encourages your administration to issue executive orders to:

- **Lift regulatory barriers on telehealth and telemedicine for all patients, including those on public health programs such as Medicaid.** New Mexico should allow Medicaid to reimburse providers for telehealth services beyond real-time video consultations, to include services such as remote patient monitoring, email, telephone calls, fax, and personal messages. 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 and supervision requirements for physicians' assistants.** 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 New Mexico and deliver telehealth care, regardless of the state in which they are licensed and without a telemedicine certificate.** This will free medical professionals to fully provide the care they are trained for and increase access to health care services in areas, where medical professionals in other states are closer to the patients seeking treatment.
- **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 New Mexico to continue effectively responding to the public health emergency.

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

Sincerely,
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