



State of Louisiana
Department of Health and Hospitals
Office of the Secretary

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To the Honorable Members of the Louisiana Legislature:

Today I rescinded the Coordinated Care Network (CCN) Emergency Rule that the department published last month. I take this action after traveling across the state talking to many members of the legislature and hearing your feedback. I am committed to transitioning our current Medicaid fee-for-service model to a system that produces better health outcomes and improved value for Louisiana taxpayers. And, I believe the way forward is by working in close collaboration with you and your colleagues.

Since assuming the role of Secretary of DHH, people across the state have told me they are committed to improving health outcomes, but feel they haven't been a part of the process to develop our plans. Going forward, you have my commitment to actively engage and communicate with our stakeholders: physicians, hospital administrators, and legislators alike.

This effort is far too important to our state and we must move forward in a way where people feel that they have adequate information to make an informed decision. We spend nearly \$7 billion a year to care for 1.2 million people today and we have among the poorest outcomes in the country. Everyone I meet is committed to building a healthier Louisiana.

I look forward to working with you as we move forward to improve health for all Louisianians.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bruce D. Greenstein".

Bruce D. Greenstein
Secretary