

Democratic Senate Caucus
Healthcare Working Group Recommendations
April 14, 2020

1. Support implementation of 1115 waivers, if they are approved by CMS.
 - a. Serve individuals up to 200% FPL
 - b. Establish a COVID-19 Disaster Relief Fund
2. Modify statute to allow North Carolina to take advantage of the funding in the Families First Coronavirus Response Act to pay for COVID-19 testing.
3. Waive in-network requirements.
Assure timely access to care by temporarily waiving network status as a condition of reimbursement so that patients may see available healthcare providers
4. Child Care Emergency Economic Support Package - \$125 million to assure availability of emergency childcare
5. Food Insecurity - Appropriate at least \$6 million, in addition to CARES Act funding, to Feeding Carolinas to be distributed to food banks across the state.
6. Establish an “Emergency COVID-19 Rapid Testing Program administered by the Department of Health and Human Services with adequate funding to ensure North Carolinians and our economy can return to normalcy without the threat of a resurgence of the coronavirus. DHHS should be required to develop a comprehensive plan to mitigate the effects of this virus through aggressive, widespread, and continuous testing, using medically proven diagnostic and antibody testing regimens. Funding to provide the critical health care infrastructure support, the necessary PPE, testing kits, and train personnel would be included in this request
7. Provide additional funding for Mental Health and Crisis Services for those impacted by COVID - 19
8. Provide funding for Food and Shelter Security for homeless persons impacted by COVID - 19