



Health Groups Launch Infrastructure Agenda

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A coalition of New York health care organizations has introduced a five-point agenda aimed at improving New York's primary care infrastructure.

Calling the agenda a "road map" for lawmakers, the Primary Care Coalition said its recommendations would also control the cost of health care in New York State, whose \$45 billion annual Medicaid budget is the costliest nationwide.

The coalition's agenda recommends changing the payment system to increase reimbursement for primary care; expanding the primary care workforce; building medical "homes" for patients; promoting the use of health information technology, and further removing financial barriers to health care.