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Universal Health Care Foundation urges general assembly to take meaningful health care action during special session.

With a special legislative session looming, Frances G. Padilla and the Universal Health Care Foundation of Connecticut urged Governor Ned Lamont and other leaders of the general assembly to implement lasting, systemic change to the health care system in a letter sent on June 30.

“The burden of this crisis has fallen disproportionately on people of color, immigrant families, those living with disability and chronic illness, residents housed in prisons, nursing homes and other institutions, and on lower and middle income people in our state. And a health care system oriented too much toward income generation and not enough toward community health and public health has left patients, providers and frontline workers far too vulnerable,” Padilla wrote.

There are several bills that have already passed out of legislative committees that need to be brought over the finish line to protect residents from unaffordable health care costs and defend and expand coverage for affordable and quality coverage.

In addition to those, we encourage the general assembly to take meaningful action addressing racism and social determinants of health, ensuring voter safety, and implementing public health solutions for populations that are disproportionately affected by COVID-19. Specific proposals can be found in the letter, which is attached.

Universal Health Care Foundation of Connecticut’s mission is to serve as a catalyst that engages residents and communities in shaping a democratic health system that provides universal access to quality, affordable health care and promotes health in Connecticut. We believe that health care is a fundamental right and that our work is part of a broader movement for social and economic justice.