The Policy Roadmap

The Policy Roadmap, a five-year strategic plan released two years ago by Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle’s administration, centers on equity. This roadmap makes equity a foundational value that is used in all strategies and decisions, from policy and funding formulas to employee training.

For decades, Cook County Health has worked to address the health care disparities that exist on the south side, including making investments in care on our Provident campus and at our new Blue Island facility.

A Focus on Equity

At a time when we as a County and nation continue to grapple with a historic pandemic, we strive to provide a level of service that meets the evolving needs of the Provident patient population.

Reimagining Provident now means ensuring Cook County Health’s values are reflected in our budget by ensuring that black and brown communities continue to receive exceptional care, even as we are forced to make difficult budgetary decisions in face of this public health crisis.

We refuse to balance our budget on the backs of those who can least afford it.

Evolving Provident Hospital

Located on East 51st Street, this historic hospital has faithfully served and employed people of color for more than 100 years.

New ophthalmology and mammography services, as well as a sleep lab, have opened at Provident with great success, while the ongoing expansion of outpatient primary care and behavioral health have filled an unmet need in the community.

Now we have the opportunity to not only continue but enhance the services that our patients on the south side need more than ever before.
The portfolio of more robust outpatient services that will be provided on the Provident campus in FY2021 includes:

- Outpatient Primary Care (Behavioral Health, Family Medicine, Gynecology, Internal Medicine, Prenatal Care)
- Mammography
- Lifestyle Center
- Breast Clinic
- Bariatrics
- General Medicine
- Pathology Services
- Outpatient Specialty Clinic (Addiction Medicine, Cardiology, Colorectal Surgery, Diabetes & Endocrinology, Gastroenterology)
- Diagnostic Imaging
- Cardiac and Pulmonary Diagnostics
- Pharmacy
- Social Services
- Neurology
- Ophthalmology
- Optometry
- Podiatry
- Psychology/Psychiatry
- Pulmonary
- Renal
- Sleep Medicine
- Urology

Restructuring & Consolidating Local Health Centers

Two community health centers, Near South and Woodlawn, will consolidate care for the patients they currently serve to the outpatient clinic located within Provident Hospital.

This consolidation will allow patients to see their current doctor and receive more services in one convenient location, located within a short 10-minute drive from both of these clinics with ample parking available.

This equitable approach significantly enhances outpatient health care access on the south side of Chicago while reaffirming our commitment to our longstanding mission to deliver health services with dignity and respect, regardless of an individual’s background or ability to pay.

We look forward to investing $200M in a new Provident facility in the coming years that will include:

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