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Q about public health crisis plan

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To: "Mccoy, Amy" <amy.mccoy@idph.iowa.gov>

Mon, Apr 13, 2020 at 3:26 PM

Amy, is the attached 2007 document (with a section on ethical guidance for triage decisions) the most recent IDPH guidance for local health authorities for rationing ventilators in hospitals?

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From: Laura Belin <desmoinesdem@bleedingheartland.com>

Date: Fri, Apr 10, 2020 at 8:42 AM

Subject: Fwd: Q about public health crisis plan To: Mccoy, Amy <amy.mccoy@idph.iowa.gov>

Hello Amy,

I'm circling back on this. Please send me a copy of the public health crisis plan that sets out criteria for allocating ventilators if there are not enough machines to accommodate the patients needing critical care due to COVID-19 infections.

Thanks.

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From: Laura Belin <desmoinesdem@bleedingheartland.com>

Date: Wed, Apr 8, 2020 at 11:25 PM Subject: Q about public health crisis plan To: Mccoy, Amy <amy.mccoy@idph.iowa.gov>

Dear Amy,

This story includes lowa among the states where public health crisis plans could make it difficult for people with disabilities to receive life-saving care if hospitals ran short of ventilators needed to treat critical COVID-19 cases

https://publicintegrity.org/health/coronavirus-and-inequality/state-policies-may-send-people-with-disabilities-to-the-back-of-the-line-for-ventilators

I was unable to find this policy on the IDPH website. Please send a copy of the policy or point me to the link if I have missed that. Also, please let me know if the policy has been changed recently.

Some readers have asked me about the RMCC slides. Please send copies of the ones the governor showed at her April 8 news conference. It would be good for IDPH to post that information online, updated regularly. As you know, there is massive public interest in this topic.

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