As you might have seen in recent news reports, government officials have temporarily removed certain health care regulations in an effort to make it easier for doctors, nurses, and medical innovators to respond to the coronavirus.

For example, states have begun allowing doctors who are licensed in one state to treat patients in another state, as well as allowing hospitals to add more beds and medical equipment as needed; federal policymakers have begun allowing university labs and researchers to develop more effective testing.

These changes are only temporary. After the crisis has passed, those regulations on doctors, nurses, hospitals, and medical researchers are scheduled to go back into effect.

In thinking about this…
#Response options reversed at random
[Q1] Do you agree or disagree that these health care rules and regulations previously prevented doctors, nurses, and medical professionals from helping people?
 <1> Strongly Agree
 <2> Somewhat Agree
 <3> Somewhat Disagree
 <4> Strongly Disagree
 <5 fixed> Don't know

#Response options reversed at random
[Q2] In general, do you agree or disagree that America's health care professionals should have more flexibility to provide health care as they and their patients see fit?
 <1> Strongly Agree
 <2> Somewhat Agree
 <3> Somewhat Disagree
 <4> Strongly Disagree
 <5 fixed> Don't know

#Response options reversed at random
[Q3] In general, do you support or oppose relaxing health care regulations to give more flexibility to doctors, nurses, and researchers who are fighting coronavirus?
 <1> Strongly Support
 <2> Somewhat Support
 <3> Somewhat Oppose
 <4> Strongly Oppose
 <5 fixed> Don't know

#Response options randomized
[Q4] Which of the following statements best describes what you think we should do about those regulatory changes once the crisis has passed?
 <1> These changes to regulations should be made permanent because it will help ensure we're better prepared for the next crisis.
 <2> The regulations should go back to the way they were before the pandemic because the changes won't be needed anymore.
 <3> Lawmakers should conduct a thorough review of all health care regulations before making a decision on what to do with them.