

A portrait of Leah Aldridge, a woman with dark hair, wearing a bright pink blazer over a blue and white striped shirt. She is smiling and looking towards the camera. The background is a blurred green outdoor setting.

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An insured population is a healthier population, with a healthier workforce and healthier families. Georgians' healthcare must be placed in the hands of doctors and providers, not bureaucrats.

It's time to roll up our sleeves and craft a Georgia solution that responds to the needs of our Georgia population. Let's offer more competition, and less government.

Here's my plan:

1. Let's obtain state innovation waivers which allow us to access federal funds, while offering care tailored to our specific populations and to our values, not to the federal government's values.
2. Let's expand innovation in telehealth as the most cost effective way to bring quality care to home bound patients, to those with chronic diseases, and to those in rural areas.
3. Let's recruit, train, and keep more primary care providers right here in Georgia.
4. Let's implement our 2011 law which allows insurance plans to be bought and sold across state lines, so that a competitive market can drive prices down.
5. Let's use the new Association Health Plan option – just announced last October – which allows individuals and small employers to purchase health insurance across state lines through associations. The Department of Labor has clarified that all pre-existing conditions will be covered, that no one can be denied coverage, and that no one should be required to pay more due to their medical conditions through such “association plans.”

There is much we can and should do, and I pledge to get to work day one - addressing our healthcare crisis with conservative, state-based solutions, not tax increases to fund failed federal policies.