



# Legislative Outlook 2021

# Iowa's Use of COVID Relief

**\$4.26 billion**

Unemployment Assistance (\$1.84 billion)

Human Services (\$223 million)

Education (\$214 million)

Public Health (\$129 million)

Transportation (\$33 million)

# Iowa's Use of COVID Relief

**\$100 million**  
Farm/Agriculture

**\$125 million**  
Cities & Counties

**\$80 million**  
Behavioral Health

**\$91 million**  
Broadband Grants &  
Tech Upgrades

**\$115 million**  
Schools

**\$99 million**  
Small Business Aid

**\$490 million**  
Unemployment Trust

**\$22 million**  
Rent/Mortgage Aid

**\$26 million**  
Test Iowa

**\$14.5 million**  
Utility Assistance

**\$87 million**

# Election 2020

## Iowa Senate 32 R | 18 D

7 Republicans retired  
12 Republicans incumbents (all won)  
6 Democratic incumbents (one lost)  
8 new faces (7 Rs, 1 D)

# 78.6%

Iowa has third  
highest voter  
turnout in nation

## Iowa House 59 R | 41 D

8 Republicans & 3 Democrats retired  
Republicans flipped 7 seats.  
Democrats flipped 1 seat.  
18 new faces 14 Rs, 4 Ds

# 2021 SESSION – January 11, 2021

**Jan. 12**

**Condition of State**

Governor will unveil budget

**Feb. 12**

**Bill Filing Deadline**

Individual bill draft request deadline

**Mar. 5**

**1<sup>st</sup> Funnel**

Bills out of committee in chamber of origin

**Apr. 2**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Funnel**

Bills out of committee in opposite chamber

**Apr. 30**

**110<sup>th</sup> Day**

"Final" day of session (per diems run out)

# 2021 Session: Key Issues



## Telehealth

Permanent reimbursement parity, site of service changes\*



## Public Health & DHS

Merger?



## Mental Health

Funding new complex needs, children's array (\$120 million)



## Economic Recovery

Governor's Economic Recovery Advisory Board



## Redistricting

Census data may not be available until March

# Economic Recovery Advisory

## Virtual Care & Telehealth

- Full payment parity for all services
- Funding for infrastructure (provider & broadband)

## Rural Health Access

- Triage where there is risk for closure
- Adopt regional approaches

## Health Care & Public Health Workforce

- Residency & loan forgiveness opportunities
- Health care career pathways
- Regulatory barriers
- Competitive salaries

✓ **Virtual care & telehealth**

✓ **Rural health access**

✓ **Health care workforce**

✓ **Broadband**

# 2021 Session: More Issues



## Justice Reform

Lt. Governor's Justice Reform Consortium, BLM Issues



## Medicaid

Professional licensing issues, provider reimbursements, flexibilities extended



## Changing Stations

HF 2097 – Rep. Ann Meyer talked about redrafting



## Home Modification

SF 269 – Task Force working on new sponsors



## Tax Cuts

Property tax cuts & eliminating corporate income tax



# State Revenue Forecast

Year

Total Spending

Changes

FY 2020

\$7,930.6 billion

.9% increase (\$305.5 million surplus)

FY 2021

\$7,911.7 billion  
**(\$7.85 billion)**

.2% decrease (\$18.9 million)

FY 2022

\$8,230.8 billion  
**(\$8,148.5 billion)\***

4% increase (\$319.1 million)

# Medicaid Forecast

## New in 2020:

- New universal prior authorization form
- AEA/school telehealth originating sites
- Temporary COVID flexibilities
- Telehealth changes (state handshake)

## 2021 Session (FY 2022 Budget):

- \$1.91 billion DHS request for Medicaid (FY 2022)
- \$89.7 million new state dollars needed
- No change in MCO rates
- No continuation of enhanced FMAP

**Total new state revenues: \$319.1 million**

## FY 2020 Snapshot

\$6.64 billion (\$1.46 billion state)

\$70.4 million surplus

+ 36,211 members (traditional)

+ 22,614 members (IHWP)

\$279.3 million increased FMAP



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## COVID-19 Relief (Congress)

Congress is working on a new bill to help to businesses and families deal with COVID-19. Email your elected officials now to make sure they do not forget about lowans with disabilities, their families, and support networks when putting together this bill.

TAKE ACTION ▾



## Write a Letter (Congress)

Let your federal elected officials know what you think about the issues important to you. Share your story and let the people that represent you in Washington DC know how an issue impacts you.