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Considering that an emergency health care availability crisis is inevitable within the next year, with likely severe weakening and possible failure of hospitals, it is urgent to get to this study immediately, if not converted into proposition of an amendment to make it an active program. Covering the extraordinary costs of uncovered emergency care must be done, in my opinion. The crisis will likely result in a major worsening of the health of significant portions of people, particularly those in rural areas, and must be addressed emergently. It seems likely, as Ms. Hennrich has said, that this should be managed by the agency most aligned with universal health care readiness. Thank you for your energy and attention in this difficult financial environment. Dr. Henry Elder (Family Practice and Psychiatry, retired)