



COMMISSION ON INVESTMENT IMPERATIVES FOR A HEALTHY NATION

Commission Charge

What is the challenge? The U.S. health system is poised at a critical juncture. Described too commonly, as “broken” and “unsustainable,” health and health care services poorly perform on several dimensions. Despite aggregate expenditures that rank highest in the world, the nation has some times fallen far short of its potential to improve, or even preserve, the health of the American people. Then came the COVID-19 pandemic during which the convergence of myriad problems—system fragmentation, perverse incentives, public health fragility, clinician burnout, poor communication and connectivity, supply chain disconnects, access barriers, disproportionately vulnerable populations—made a few thwarted any possibility of a swift, evidence-based, and coordinated response. The consequences were crippling and deadly. Today, to emerge fairer and stronger after COVID-19, it is imperative that the painful lessons learned about our health systems pre-existing structural and functional weaknesses lead to changes that rationally align and target our collective resources, knowledge, technology, and talent to capture what is possible: an effective, efficient, equitable and continuously learning health system.

What sets the stage? The National Academy of Medicine (NAM)'s [Leadership Consortium](#) facilitates cooperation among leaders from across

Deliverables: As noted above, each Commission workstream will develop: 1) a quantitative analysis estimating potential health and economic gains from achieving the work steam's goal, as well as