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## FRENCH PM UNVEILS SEGUR THREE PROJECTS TO TRANSFORM THE FRENCH HEALTH SYSTEM

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**USPA NEWS** - Edouard Philippe launched, on May 25, the SEGUR Plan for Health System, . This vast consultation on the future of the health care system should culminate in July and allow a proven health system to be overhauled after long weeks of fighting the coronavirus. In his opening speech, the Prime Minister promised that "the daily life of the nursing staff" at the hospital would change "in the next few months", thanks in particular to "new means." "I think it would be difficult to understand, probably unbearable for our fellow citizens, for doctors, for nurses, for nursing assistants, if this crisis that we have been through is not the occasion for radical changes", declared Prime Minister Edouard Philippe. "We will not respond to the crisis we are experiencing with half-measures, but with strong, rapid and accepted choices," he added. Here are the projects mentioned by the head of government. The SEGUR Plan for Health System three projects mentioned by Edouard Philippe to transform the healthcare system "What I believe is that the crisis requires us, not to change course, but to change pace," the Prime Minister insisted, kicking off the concertation between government & social partners.

### MEDICAL STAFF SALARIES WILL BE RAISED-----

The revaluation of the salaries of the medical personnel promised by the government will be "significant", assured the Prime Minister, judging necessary "to keep intact" the "motivation" of the health professionals. The "recognition" towards the caregivers, "it is immense in our country, and it will translate, the president said it, in the remunerations. On this point, I say it without ambiguity, the revaluation will be significant", assured Edouard Philippe during his speech. The Prime Minister accompanied by his Minister of Health, Olivier Veran, delivered his remarks, connected with 300 participants gathered Monday by videoconference, on TV. This initiative called SEGUR, from the name of the street where the video conference takes place in response to requests from the medical corporation which was indignant at the recent announcement by Sibeth Ndiaye, (On May 13th, over the Council fo Ministers) the government spokesperson to give medals to caregivers of the COVID-19 period, during the ceremony on July 14, national holiday. They had chanted on banners "We want money but not medals" during President Macron's recent visit to the Salpetriere hospital on May 16th.

### THE HOSPITAL WILL HAVE A NEW ORGANIZATION IN TERMS OF GOVERNANCE THANKS TO A MASSIVE INVESTMENT-----

Prime Minister Edouard Philippe explained that the notion of working time (understood, subject to 35 hours) at the public hospital "is not a taboo". "The key word will be that of pragmatism. I do not prejudge here the outcome of the discussions that will take place in the coming days, but I said that constraints of all kinds should be lifted. Working time must be looked at from the same way, "said the head of government.

### THE CHALLENGE OF THE INVESTMENT IS TO TAKE OVER THE DEBT OF € 10 BILLION-----

The debt of French public hospitals today reaches nearly 30 billion euros. The Prime Minister then spoke of "the investment issue and the financing of the hospital." "Regarding investment, we announced the recovery of a third of the debt of public hospitals, or about 10 billion euros, as well as the launch of a local investment aid plan , 150 million euros per year. We must go further, "continued Edouard Philippe. "We will launch a vast investment assistance plan that will complement this massive debt recovery." "Part of this program must be dedicated to investments at regional level, to accelerate cooperation between the city, the hospital, the medico-social and between the public and the private," added the Prime Minister. The objective is "certainly not" to "embark on a frantic race for the construction of new buildings, as has been the case in the past", but to "accelerate projects" and "support hospitals in their deleveraging efforts, "he said.

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