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Author's Response to Peer Review of "Predicting Health Disparities in Regions at Risk of Severe Illness to Inform Health Care Resource Allocation During Pandemics: Observational Study"

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Response to Round 1 Reviews

Specific Comments**Major Comments**

- The author has added a correlation matrix to the supplemental materials.
- The author has added several examples of stepwise regression model use to the Introduction section to help

ground readers in the validity of this approach in similar applications.

- The author has made the suggested points in the revised Limitations section of the Discussion.

Minor Comments

- All data sets and regression model details have been added for each state to the Multimedia Appendices section.
- The author has changed the conditional formatting to red and blue in Figure 3.

Reference

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