

Kremlin Plans Rapid Healthcare Reform in Time for Presidential Election

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Russia's President Vladimir Putin visits the Kirov Clinical Diagnostic Center (Kirov's No.1 Polyclinic)
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Russian authorities will unroll healthcare reform nationwide in time for presidential elections next year, the [Vedomosti](#) newspaper reported, citing a source close to the Kremlin.

The Health Ministry [says](#) the organizational reforms for clinics, which were piloted last year, can reduce waiting times twelve-fold and boost consumer satisfaction by 10-15 percent.

Implementation of the scheme was planned through 2023.

But the Kremlin, recognizing its vote winning power, aims to launch the reforms across the country within months, *Vedomosti* reported.

“It will be one of the ongoing programs whose first results we can show to voters during the campaign,” *Vedomosti* cited a source close to the Kremlin as saying.

Vladimir Putin is expected to contest and win presidential elections next March, giving him

what would be a fourth term.

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