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The MPS Council will meet next by videoconference on September 8 at 8 PM. All members welcome!

President's Column

Coping with Uncertainty

In our work as psychiatrists, we often help patients cope and deal with feelings of helplessness, powerlessness and a sense that they lack control of events and situations that affect their lives. These feelings are often compounded and worsened when circumstances and the future seem uncertain. In addition, we often help patients understand their current difficulties through an understanding of how past experiences influence their current lives. I have been thinking of these issues in the context of the current pandemic and related crises.

As we enter September, it has been six months since the first documented COVID-19 case in Maryland and five months since the first stay-at-home order in the state. The unemployment rate in Maryland in July was 7.6%, down from the peak of 10.1% in April, but more than double the March rate of 3.3%. We have continued to witness the murder and shooting of Black people by police, with Mr. Jacob Blake being a recent example. (I won't say latest, given the frequency at which these have been occurring.) There have been peaceful protests demanding social justice, but unfortunately some of these have turned violent, with armed citizen "militias" worsening the situation.

September is traditionally the end of summer breaks and the time that children return to school. This year, that return to school has been distinguished by marked uncertainty. Will the students return to attending school in person? Will teaching be done all virtually or some form of hybrid? Is it safe for the children, teachers, families and society in general to go back

to in-person schooling? How will this affect parents' ability to go back to work if the children remain at home? What is best for the children? Is it better to avoid the risk of contagion and continue isolating at home and doing remote learning? Or is it better to tolerate the risk of infection given the developmental needs of children for social interaction and the likely better education that in-person schooling provides? How does one weigh these relative risks, and is the calculus different for elementary, middle school, high school, and college students? What will be the long-term effects of the virus and our attempts to cope with it on the future mental health status of these various groups? There are so many questions and little that we can say with certainty.

While it is easy given these concomitant crises and uncertainty to feel helpless and powerless, I think it is important for us and our patients to recognize that we have more control than might first seem obvious. The serenity prayer is useful for many more people than just those suffering from addictive disorders. Our society is not helpless in the face of this virus. We have learned a great deal about how this virus spreads, how to contain it, and even how to treat it. While there may not be a magic cure or perfect vaccine in the immediate future, progress is being made. And if we do the necessary work, I believe that Martin Luther King, Jr. was right, "The arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice." Or as former Attorney General Eric Holder said, "the arc bends toward justice, but it only bends toward justice because people pull it towards justice. It doesn't happen on its own."

We have control over how we cope with the adversity that we face. As per Viktor Frankl,

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"the last of human freedoms - the ability to choose one's attitude in a given set of circumstances." We also have control over how we treat one another, care for each other, and how we nurture our relationships with those close to us. We are part of a wonderful and noble profession that has a lot to offer during these challenging times.

Mark J. Ehrenreich, M.D.

MPS Virtual Annual Meeting October 8 - Register Now!

Despite challenges and uncertainty that have persisted throughout much of 2020, MPS is pleased to hold a virtual Annual Meeting **FREE for members** on October 8th. We are excited to give our members the opportunity to gather virtually to celebrate the many achievements of the FY20 year, and to officially turn the gavel over to Mark Ehrenreich, M.D., FY21 MPS President. Virginia Ashley, M.D is the President-Elect and Jessica Merkel-Keller, M.D., is Secretary-Treasurer.

[MORE INFO AND REGISTER HERE!](#)

License Renewals for Last Names (A-L)

Renew medical licenses that expire September 30 [online](#). (Physicians licensed through the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact must complete a [two-part process](#) to renew their Maryland license.)

Due to Governor Hogan's March 12 Executive Order, the Board will extend the usual September 30 expiration date "to the 30th day after the date by which the state of emergency is terminated and the catastrophic health emergency is rescinded." There is no grace period after that time; an application for reinstatement would be required along with a new Criminal History Records Check (CHRC). A CHRC is **not** required for renewals – only for new licenses and reinstatements.

Renewals include a question about [medical liability coverage](#) status, which is posted on the physician profile.

You may be randomly selected for CME audit. If you get a pop-up notice when you log in, you must submit 50 hours of CME documentation within 15 days of the license expiration date.

You are not authorized to practice if your license is not renewed. For more information, see the [MBP physician renewals page](#).

New September 13 Deadline to Apply for Provider Relief Funding

HHS has once again extended the deadline to apply for Provider Relief Funding to **September 13**. Eligible Medicaid and CHIP providers can apply for Provider Relief Funds under the Cares Act. HHS is also allowing certain Medicare providers to apply through that date for additional funding if they missed the initial opportunity. Providers are eligible for up to 2% of their patient revenue. [Click here](#) for details.

Membership

The following individuals have applied for membership. Unless any current members have evidence that an applicant does not meet the criteria for ethical and professional standards, these actions will be approved 14 days after publication.

Marissa L. Beal, D.O.	New RFM
Courtne Beaubian, M.D.	New RFM
Bryce E. Blanton, M.D.	New GM
Rebecca Chandler, M.D.	New RFM
Jane A. Chen, M.D.	New RFM
Caitlin S. Davis, M.D., M.Sc.	New RFM
Danielle R. Day, M.D.	New RFM
Andrea Haake, M.D.	New RFM
Sarah E. Johnson, M.D., J.D.	New RFM
Margaret Kneifel, M.D.	New RFM
Zofia Kozak, M.D.	New RFM
Rachel M. LeMalefant, M.D.	New RFM
Drew Myers, M.D.	New RFM
Nana Y. Nimo, M.D.	New RFM
Hannah Paulding, M.D.	New RFM
Eric Prouty, M.D., Ph.D.	New RFM
Caroline W. Quaglieri, M.D.	New RFM
Amit Suneja, M.D.	New RFM
Andrew Van Der Vaart, M.D., Ph.D.	New RFM

Transferred In

Carrie C. Schmitt, D.O., M.S.	from MI
Marissa O. Goldberg, D.O.	from PA
Rafal Szymczuk, M.D.	from IL

Advanced to General Member Status

Natalie Beaty, M.D.
Julie R. Brownley, M.D., Ph.D.
Emily E. Haas, M.D.
Patrick L. Jung, M.D.
Patricia E. Ortiz, M.D.
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September 22nd and 23rd
6:15 - 8:30PM
4 CME Hours*



About the Meeting

Despite challenging times and much uncertainty we are excited to offer members this **FREE**, virtual CME meeting!
Featuring timely and outstanding presentations, well known speakers and virtual happy hours,
we are confident you will agree that this meeting is one you don't want to miss.
You are welcome to join for as many sessions as you can!

September 22 Agenda

- 6:15 **Welcome:** Margaret Cassada, MD: SPA President
- 6:30 **Ethics: Panel Session**
-Annette Hanson, MD: *Ethical Issues in Correctional Psychiatry*
-Pamela McPherson MD: *Whistleblowing and Ethics: An Investigation of the ICE Detention Centers*
- 7:30 **Treating Geriatric Patients: Panel Session**
-O. Joseph Bienvendu, MD, PhD: *Psychiatric Morbidity after Critical Illness/Intensive Care*
-Robert Roca, MD, MPH: *Measuring the Quality of Dementia Care: Do We Have it Right?*
- 8:30 **Social Reception via Zoom**

September 23 Agenda

- 6:15 **Welcome:** Mark Ehrenreich, MD: MPS President
- 6:30 **Opioid Update: Panel Session**
George Kolodner, MD & Sunil Khushalani, MD:
Pharmacological Management of Opioid Use Disorders
- 7:30 **COVID-19: Panel Session**
David A. Casey, MD: *Coronavirus and Psychiatry*
Robert Caudill, MD: *We're all Telepsychiatrists Now: Irreversible Changes in the Field Brought on by the COVID-19 Response*
- 8:30 **Social Reception via Zoom**

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2020 MPS Member Survey Highlights

In May, the Maryland Psychiatric Society sent a survey to members by email and regular mail. The survey is now closed. A total of 186 responded, up from 175 [last year](#). (There were 196 responses in [2018](#) and 167 in [2017](#)). Following is a summary of member feedback this year.

As before, a large majority of members reported psychopharmacology as their top CME need, along with several other topics including forensics, child & adolescent, substance use disorders and sleep disorders. Almost two-thirds said they are most likely to attend a virtual CME meeting, with in person just over 20% and 15% unsure. For virtual CME, there seems to be no clear preference among respondents for either live or pre-recorded.

Many psychiatrists successfully transitioned to telehealth during the pandemic, so the MPS included survey questions to better understand how this impacted their practice.

- In terms of practice hours, 40% saw no change, and an equal number saw a decrease in hours (25% decreased slightly). Of the 20% who had an increase in hours, the majority had only a slight increase.
- In terms of practice income, 52% have been unaffected by the pandemic, but 43% had a decrease (14% had a significant decrease). Only 5% experienced an increase in practice income.

Members were asked to rank four legislative and advocacy priorities, which all turned out to be about equally important. Insurance Reimbursement and Parity was ranked nearly the same as Access to Care. These were followed closely by Scope of Practice and then Licensure Requirements/Mandatory Training.

Almost three quarters responded "yes" to the question, "If you had concerns about ethical issues in your clinical practice, would you contact MPS for guidance?" The question, "If no, why not?" received three recurring responses, including "I didn't know that was an option," "I would ask at my workplace" and "I would consult my malpractice carrier," among others.

Early Career Psychiatrists (7 years or less following completion of training) were asked about interest in possible new MPS offerings. A total of 42 responded and two offerings were equally appealing: "Free group supervision to discuss difficult cases or practice-related concerns" as well as "Mentorship program for career development." A significant number were also interested in "Discounted rate for individual supervision with a seasoned MPS member."

The 2020 survey also kicked off an initiative called "Curbside Conversations," which will be a member to member resource where a member can request *informal* assistance from others with expertise in a number of topic areas.

Every year, MPS asks about the overall level of member satisfaction with the organization. Currently 82% are either satis-

fied or very satisfied, 16% are neutral and 2% are dissatisfied. Influencing how psychiatry is practiced in Maryland and Legislative reports & representation with state government were ranked Most Important by the most respondents, followed closely by *MPS News*, APA membership, Member rate for MPS CME activities, Having a place to call with questions, *The Maryland Psychiatrist* and Annual membership directory.

Members shared over 100 concerns about psychiatry in Maryland, some of which are not limited to our state, and also gave suggestions about how the MPS can serve them better. MPS leadership will use their input to guide the organization over the coming year.

Congratulations to survey participants Drs. Kim Bright, Idris Leppla and Charles Peters, who were selected randomly to win a \$100 credit toward MPS dues or an MPS event. For more information, including respondent demographics, view the [complete results](#).

Save the Date

Career and Practice Night October 27th
At 7 PM via Zoom

MPS Members Out & About

Maryland Pao, M.D. was featured in an August 18 NPR piece, "[Staying Strong During Lockdown Means Reaching Out — And Working Your Mind, Too](#)," which is part of its coronavirus crisis reporting.

National Recovery Month 2020

[Recovery Month](#) promotes the societal benefits of prevention, treatment, and recovery for mental and substance use disorders; celebrates people in recovery; lauds the contributions of treatment and service providers; and promotes the message that recovery in all its forms is possible. The 2020 webinar series includes:

- [September 3: Integration of Medication-Assisted Treatment in Treatment and Recovery Support](#)
- [September 10: SAMHSA Transforming Lives Through Supported Employment](#)
- [September 17: Communities Supporting Recovery](#)
- [September 24: The Importance of Integrating Recovery Support Services: The Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic Model](#)

Maryland News

MPS Signs Onto MSDE Recovery Plan for Education Letter

A small workgroup convened to offer comments to MSDE's draft recovery plan for schools. Suggested changes included:

- Revise the School Counselors section to expand the list of school personnel identified for professional development, increase utilization of student support teams, encourage promotion of a youth crisis hotline, and expand the distribution of literature on mental health disorders and substance use disorders;
- Modify the School Social Workers section to encourage collaboration between school counselors and social workers to implement a uniform assessment and referral process;
- Amend the School-Based Health Centers section to correct certain terminology related to behavioral health disorders; and
- Add a new section titled Community Partnered School Behavioral Health to increase utilization of community partners in providing educator self-care, classroom support, and resources for families to address student mental health and well-being. It reinforces collaboration between community partners and school-based health centers, the development of a referral system for tele-mental health and crisis services, and consultation with families and other providers to provide individualized support.

A courtesy copy of the letter will be sent to MSDE representatives on the Community of Practice group and drafters of the plan.

Maryland Behavioral Health Coalition Update on ASO

Now that estimated payments by Optum, the public behavioral health system Administrative Services Organization (ASO) have ended, some members of the Maryland Behavioral Health Coalition have reported problems with the first round of Optum claims payments. Initial feedback regarding payment has been mixed – with some reporting that most payments appear to have been received, and others reporting significant concern or no payment for specific service types. The lack of documentation for the ASO payments is also a significant concern. Operational debugging is ongoing, even after eight months with Optum in the ASO role.

Bills to Become Law That Are of Interest to MPS Members

These bills will become law on October 1st without Governor Hogan's signature:

HB 332: [Mental Health – Confidentiality of Medical Records and Emergency Facilities List](#) (Effective 10/1/20)

HB364: [Hospital and Nursing Facility Workers and Health Care Practitioners - Identification Tags and Badges - Name Requirement](#) (Effective 10/1/20)

HB378: [Natalie M. LaPrade Medical Cannabis Commission – Certifying Providers](#) (Effective 10/1/20)

HB674: [Controlled Dangerous Substances – Schedules](#) (Effective 10/1/20)

HB870: [Natalie M. LaPrade Medical Cannabis Commission – Compassionate Use Fund – Revisions](#) (Effective 10/1/20)

HB1120: [Health Care Providers – Discrimination in Provision of Services](#) (Effective 10/1/20)

HB1564: [Public Health - Emergency Evaluations - Duties of Peace Officers and Emergency Facilities](#) (Effective 10/1/20)

SB334: [Health Insurance – Mental Health Benefits and Substance Use Disorder Benefits – Reports on Nonquantitative Treatment Limitations and Data](#) (Effective 10/1/20)

SB576: [Health Occupations - Nurse Practitioners - Certifications of Competency and Incapacity](#) (Effective 10/1/20)

Please click the link to read the bill language or visit the [MPS website](#) to read the MPS position and other important details.

Latest Resources for Maryland Psychiatrists During COVID-19

The MPS maintains a comprehensive set of [coronavirus resources for Maryland psychiatrists](#) with links to detailed requirements for telehealth, state agencies, general COVID-19 information and other information.

See [MedChi's Coronavirus Resource Center](#) for more info that Maryland physicians need to know.

The Maryland Department of Health [COVID-19 webpage](#) has daily updates on the outbreak, FAQs and resources for a wide range of settings.

APA News & Information

APA Town Hall on Structural Racism: Part Two

MPS members who participated in the August 24 Town Hall said it was superb, eye opening and informative, highlighting the history of the APA's systemic racism. The Town Hall with APA leadership and a panel of experts examined:

- How the Black Lives Matter (BLM) movement is an outgrowth of the civil rights initiatives reducing the inequalities faced by Black people and their families.
- Impact of racial injustices within APA and psychiatry.
- How far we still must go to address structural racism and the charge of APA's Presidential Task Force.

APA Past President Dr. Altha Stewart, AMA Chief Health Equity Officer and Group Vice President Dr. Aletha Maybank, and 2020-21 REACH scholar Dr. Kevin Simon joined APA President Dr. Jeffrey Geller to discuss how structural racism plays a role in these inequalities and propose solutions to improve Black Americans' mental health outcomes. If you missed it, [click here](#) to view the recording.

New APA App Advisor

The use of mobile health technologies is expanding across the health care market with thousands of smartphone apps directly available for patients to download. To help psychiatrists navigate questions about the efficacy and risks of mobile apps, APA created [App Advisor](#), a new tool to help them and their patients make informed decisions about choosing a mental health app. The material covers: (1) why it is critical to assess an app, (2) how to evaluate an app, and (3) an opportunity to seek additional guidance on apps and/or the evaluation process. It is not intended to provide a recommendation, endorsement, or criticism.

Outpatient Based Opioid Withdrawal Billing Proposal: Input Needed

APA has been asked to provide input on a billing proposal related to office/outpatient based opioid withdrawal. We would like to connect the APA with members who provide this type of service in the outpatient setting so APA can get more information. If you do this in your clinical practice or know of someone who does, please email Becky Yowell, APA Director, Reimbursement Policy, at byowell@psych.org.

APA Urges Congress: Support Mental Health & Substance Use Disorder Programing in COVID Response Package

Over 88,000 Americans have been screened for anxiety or depression over normal baseline screening numbers during the COVID pandemic. [APA urged congressional leadership](#) to provide a robust investment in the mental health care delivery system. APA recommended that Congress permanently remove certain telehealth restrictions, extend other flexibilities beyond the public health emergency, and study telehealth's role in healthcare delivery. APA requested additional long- and short-term funding for mental health programs including additional support for mental health providers.

Bipartisan Effort to Address Physician Burnout

[The Dr. Lorna Breen Health Care Provider Protection Act](#), which aims to reduce suicide, burnout, and behavioral health conditions among health care professionals, was introduced with APA's support. The bill helps provider organizations offer their workers more options for health assistance, specifically geared towards those working on the frontlines of the pandemic. It also supports suicide and burnout prevention training in health professional training programs and increases awareness and education about suicide and mental health concerns among health care professionals.

School Mental Health Education Program

Notice. Talk. Act.™ at School is a program that helps education staff build relationships, **Notice** when a student might be showing signs of mental health and other distress, **Talk** to them to showing care and concern, and **Act** when appropriate to connect the student to support services. Visit <https://apafdn.org/schools> to learn more, or [view a video](#) of the August 19 APA Town Hall, Mentally-Healthy Schools in Times of a Pandemic.

APA Course of the Month is Back!

Two free CME courses are available to APA members this month: "Addictive Substances and Sleep" and "Beyond the Initial Treatment of Anxiety Disorders." [Click here to access the Course of the Month and sign up for updates about this free member benefit.](#) The APA's enhanced online Learning Center now has simple navigation tools and streamlined checkout, plus recommendations based on your prior courses. More information is available [here](#).

Medicare Updates

CMS Proposed Changes to 2021 Part B Payment Policies

The CMS [proposed rule](#) for the 2021 Medicare program includes several possible changes, pending public comments which are due October 5. Due to the pandemic, CMS is not expected to finalize the 2021 rule until December 1. [According to the AMA](#), significant positive changes are on the way for 2021 related to coding and payment for evaluation and management (E/M) physician office-visit services. Also looming, however, are potential negative changes, such as an offsetting across-the-board payment cut for all physicians and other health professionals. An early stage AMA review finds that CMS seeks to implement significant increases to payment for office visits based on resource cost recommendations from the AMA/Specialty Society RVS Update Committee. However, an 11% cut in the Medicare conversion factor is necessitated by proposed additional spending of \$10.2 billion and the RUC recommendations for office-visit payment increases account for only half of that, and therefore, half of the reduction. The remaining spending increases and resulting conversion factor reduction are attributed to various CMS proposals to increase valuation for specific services. Although its comprehensive review is not yet complete, AMA is strongly urging Congress to waive Medicare's budget-neutrality requirement.

The AMA strongly supports key elements of the CMS **E/M office-visit** overhaul:

- Eliminating history and physical exam as elements for code selection. While significant to both visit time and medical decision-making, these elements alone should not determine a visit's code level.
- Allowing physicians to choose whether their documentation is based on medical decision-making or total time. This builds on the movement to better recognize the work involved in non-face-to-face services like care coordination.
- Changing medical decision-making criteria to move away from simply adding up tasks to instead focus on tasks that affect the management of a patient's condition.

Proposed changes for **Merit-based Incentive Payment System** (MIPS) implementation are:

- Lowering the weight of the quality category to 40% from 45% of the MIPS final score.
- Raising the weight of cost category from 15% to 20% of the final score.
- Adding telehealth services to the list of cost measures.

Hardship exemptions allowed physicians to opt out of MIPS in 2020 without penalty because of the pandemic, and AMA is evaluating if the exemptions need to be extended into 2021.

Because of the pandemic, the planned MIPS Value Pathways (MVPs) would be delayed until at least 2022. The goal of MVPs is to reduce the complexity and administrative burdens associated with MIPS and to develop a program that is more aligned with a physician's specialty, includes fewer reporting measures, and facilitates movement toward advanced alternative payment models (APMs).

CMS also proposes broadening the use of G-codes used in the treatment of **Opioid Use Disorder** (OUD). This year, CMS established codes for development of a treatment plan, care coordination and individual and group counseling. For 2021, CMS proposes modifying these codes so they can be used to report monthly treatment for patients with any substance-use disorder—not just OUD.

Certain nonphysician practitioners (NPPs) have been allowed to order diagnostic tests for specific problems, though only physicians may supervise diagnostic tests. During the public health emergency, a temporary policy was established allowing other NPPs to supervise these tests. Concerns have been raised over a CMS **proposal to expand supervision scope** to make the change permanent "to the extent that [NPPs] are authorized to perform the tests under applicable state law and scope of practice."

From [August 24 AMA post](#)

An [audio recording \(ZIP\)](#) and [transcript \(PDF\)](#) of the [August 13](#) Medicare Learning Network listening session on the Proposed Rule, Understanding 4 Key Topics, include more information.

CMS Webinar - Understanding Clinical Quality Measures

The webinar will give an overview of quality measurement, the unique features of electronic clinical quality measures (eCQMs) and future plans for digitization. The presentation will also address burden reduction, measure reporting considerations, and key resources. Please register in advance as space is limited for the two offerings this month:

Tuesday, September 15 from 2–3 PM ([Register here](#))
Thursday, September 17 from 3–4 PM ([Register here](#))

Medicare Updates

QPP Security Update

To increase network security, a mandatory update will be applied to the Quality Payment Program (QPP) systems in **fall 2020**. As a result, you may not be able to access qpp.cms.gov if you have an outdated:

- Windows operating system (7 or 8.1) and Version 11 of Internet Explorer;
- Mac OS and iOS with an outdated version of Safari; or
- Version of Google Chrome, Mozilla Firefox, or Microsoft Edge.
- CMS encourages using one of the following browsers:
- Google Chrome v69 or newer
- Mozilla Firefox v47 or newer
- Internet Explorer with Windows 10
- Microsoft Edge

Mail-in Voting for 2020 Elections

The Maryland Board of Elections website has information for voting in the 2020 General Election, including how to request a mail-in ballot. The deadline to request a mail-in ballot is Tuesday **October 20**. Return mail-in ballots via mail in the envelope provided, to a voting location, a ballot drop off box, or your local board of elections. You cannot email or fax your voted mail-in ballot. The US Postal Service is experiencing delays, so sending ballots early is preferred for that return method. [Click here to request a ballot](#). Please carefully read all details to make your vote count!

Free Virtual CME Ethical Dilemmas Faced During the COVID-19 Pandemic

On Thursday, **September 24 at 6 PM**, the Center for a Healthy Maryland and the MedChi Committee on Ethics & Judicial Affairs will hold the 2020 Ethics Lecture, "Lessons Learned: Ethical Dilemmas Faced During the COVID-19 Pandemic," via webinar. The event is free of charge, but reservations are required. 1.5 CME credits will be awarded. [Click here](#) for more details or to register.

2020-2021 MPS Membership Directory

Thanks to all members who updated their practice information! The MPS directory is going to print later this month, but delays expected at the US Postal Service, copies may not arrive in members' mailboxes until next month. The annual directory consistently ranks as one of the most valued MPS member benefits. Enjoy!

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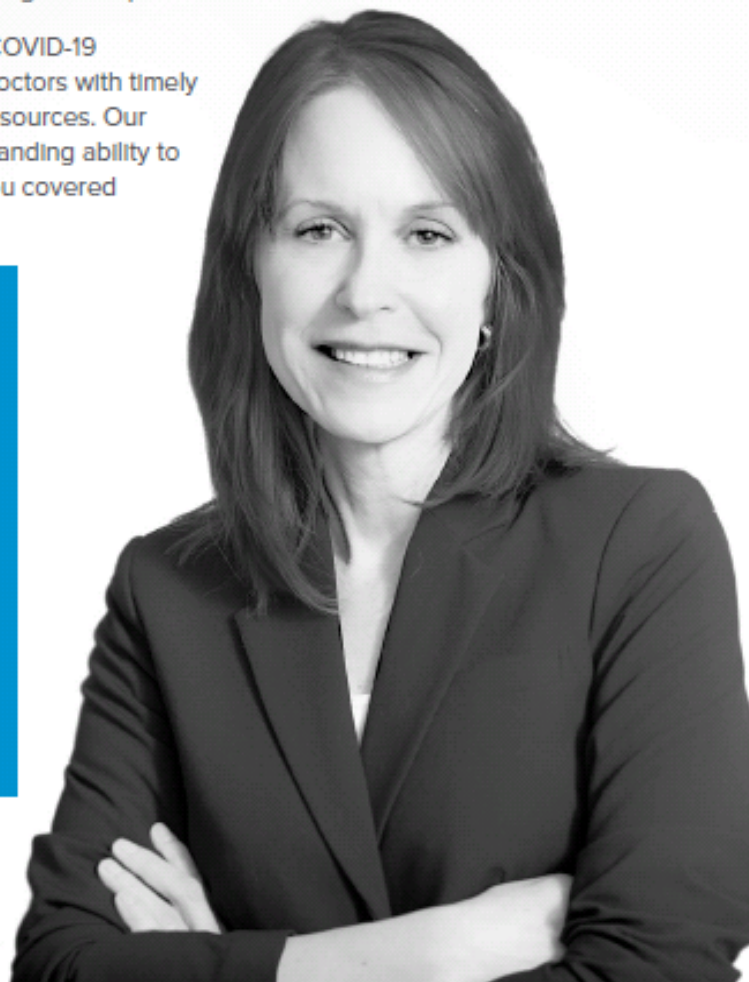
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