



Benjamin Rush Institute is proud to support all our medical students, alumni and supporters, in all countries and of all backgrounds, who have dedicated their careers to putting the doctor-patient relationship first.

The end of the academic year has caused even more uncertainty for students, most of whom are wondering what next year will look like. Some schools, like the University of California higher education system, have made the decision to hold their first semester virtually. Others have decided to hold on-campus undergraduate classes but have yet to determine how to manage logistics for graduate students. In addition, the AMA is looking closely at how the pandemic will affect medical school education, but also testing and residencies. **BRI is following possible changes closely on how we might assist our students.**

As the nation begin the process of re-opening medical schools and the economy, BRI continues to offer quality free market healthcare education through its Virtual Event Series. We are grateful for our strong network of experts helping us to continue to further our mission, which is more important now than ever before.

BRI continues to grow! We are expanding to medical schools throughout the country, even now when students are not on campus. **And our mission – to educate medical students on free market healthcare alternatives that conserve the doctor-patient relationship – is more critical than ever.** Healthcare issues that will affect how future doctors practice medicine, like price transparency and direct primary care fees in HSAs, are being debated right now in Congress. Single payer healthcare is a hot topic in the upcoming Presidential election. If students are not aware of all these facts, especially as the election season heats up, their careers – and the future of medicine – are in jeopardy.

The work of BRI has never been more important than it is right now! It is vital work that must be done and must be done now. Donate [HERE](#) to help seed a new chapter or help a student attend a healthcare policy conference. [Contact our program](#)

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THE FUTURE FOR UPCOMING RESIDENCY APPLICATIONS

In March, BRI's [first event](#) in its Virtual Event Series talked about recent changes in the Step 1 exam. The AMA [continues to talk](#) about these and discuss how these changes will impact residency applications.

The AMA is [also discussing](#) what the Residency application process is going to look like. Association of American Medical Colleges has already [updated](#) the Residency application timeline, but there is unsurety as to what will be the criteria looked at for decisions, as USMLE scores were deferred and hospital time was limited.

But for other students approaching residency, there is much to think about, including the possibility of taking a 5th year of study. Does adding a fifth year to medical school education help in residency applications? BRI alumni, Dr. Aamir Hussein, who took a 5th year and got a Master's in Public Policy, discusses this in an article for Road to Rank. Read it [HERE](#).

IN THE NEWS

Dr. Peter Wei, a BRI alum and former chapter leader, worked with BRI strategic partner Mercatus Center and economist Edward J. Timmons to author this timely and important paper on the difficulty he and many other physicians were facing in being credentialed in order to work – right when our country needed every trained physician in order to maximally respond to the pandemic threat. Check out this timely article [HERE](#).

If you are a BRI Alumni and have published an article, paper or book, please let us know – we would love to help publicize it. Contact us [now](#).



BRI Board Chairperson and Founder, Sally Pipes

Could the most damaging of the Covid-19 pandemic be the routine medical care of patients by their doctors? BRI Board Chair Sally Pipes thinks so...[watch here](#).

VIRTUAL EVENTS SERIES

BRI's Virtual Events have been a huge success in helping to further educate medical students and our network on free market healthcare alternatives. We are thankful to the experts that have helped expand the knowledge on a such a wide variety of topics.

If you missed any of May's virtual events, you can still watch them:

Kimberly Corba, MD – "Direct Primary Care, the 30,000 foot view" – [HERE](#)

Marilyn Singleton, MD, JD – "Medical Freedom in the age of Covid-19" – [HERE](#)

Rafael Fonseca, MD – "Medicine in the Post-Covid Era-the Genie is out of the Bottle" - [HERE](#)

BRI is excited to announce June's lineup for our Virtual Event Series. Please register for events you are interested in soon as each is capped at 100 participants each. Remember, you do *NOT* have to be a student to enjoy these events. Our Virtual Events Series are open and free to the entire BRI network.

Thursday, June 18 – 12pm ET

Marion Mass, MD, Practicing Physicians of America - "Our broken healthcare supply chain"
Register [HERE](#)

Friday, June 26 – 12pm ET

Rebekah Bernard, MD – "The Importance of Physician-led Care"
Register [HERE](#)

Monday, June 29 - 1pm ET

David Balat, Texas Public Policy Foundation and Free2Care – "Price Transparency in Healthcare"
Register [HERE](#)



For details or questions, please contact Rebecca Kiessling at Rebecca@benjaminrushinstitute.org.

ADVOCACY

IRS Proposes Rule that allows HSAs for Direct Pay Subscriptions! Huge Win for DPC!

On June 9, the Treasury Department proposed a rule that would grant tax advantages to patients who pay fixed fees directly to doctors. If finalized, the rule would clarify that direct primary care arrangements are qualified medical expenses that can be paid out of tax-

BRI partners, Docs 4 Patient Care Foundation and DPC Action, have been advocating on behalf of patients and doctors to end this tax discrimination. Read a full analysis [HERE](#).

You can make this stronger by submitting your comments [HERE](#).

Price Transparency in Healthcare

With the American Hospital Association suing Health and Human Services to keep prices secret and the President to continue to apply pressure to ensure price transparency in healthcare, there is an opportunity in the next stimulus package to include direct and enforceable price transparency language. This will help restore the doctor-patient relationship by rebuilding trust, helping patients take control of their healthcare dollars, and reducing the cost of care and coverage through competition.

Read more about price transparency in healthcare [here](#) and [here](#).

Learn more at live event on June 29 at 1pm ET from the director of the Right on Healthcare initiative at the Texas Public Policy Foundation, David Balat - Register [HERE](#)

Want to get involved and act on price transparency? The Free2Care Organization can help you learn how [now](#).

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