August brings the beginning of what will prove to be a quite different academic year for most medical students. The Covid-19 pandemic forced schools closed in the Spring, and now, schools open to various degrees. Nearly 1 in 4 medical schools will be meeting fully or primarily online to start the year, others offering a more hybrid approach to learning. Medical students are rising to meet this new world, and BRI is adapting with them.

BRI has welcomed new chapters over the Summer and have more waiting for administrative approval. Our popular "Virtual Event Series" has welcomed thousands of students, physicians and supporters who are looking for valuable education on important topics in free market healthcare. Working with current students and alumni, we are looking at how to best continue to support the needs of students who are living and working in the virtual world more, with mentoring, education, and networking tools.

Get information below on this month's online events. Working with our strategic coalition partners, we are also providing information on important legislation students and supporters can advocate on.

BRI can only continue to help educate today's medical students with your support. If you would like to sponsor a chapter or an event, please contact Rebecca to get involved.

VIRTUAL EVENTS SERIES

We are excited to announce August's lineup for our Virtual Event Series. Please register for events you are interested in soon as each is capped at 100 participants. 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.

Monday, August 10 – 1pm ET
Matthew Mitchell - "Certificate of Need Laws in Health Care: Lessons from the Research"
Register HERE

at Direct Pay outside of DPC"
Register [HERE](#)

If you missed any of the past virtual events, you can still watch them:

Aamir Hussein, MD -- "Recent Changes in Stage 1 Medical Licensing Exams and the Impact on Step 2." -- [HERE](#)

Leah Houston, MD - "Restoring Autonomy and Agency to the Physician Patient Relationship with Self Sovereign Identity Technology" - [HERE](#)

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](#)

Marion Mass, MD - "Our broken healthcare supply chain - what can be done" - [HERE](#)

Rebekah Bernard, MD - "The importance of physician-led care" - [HERE](#)

David Balat - "Price Transparency in Healthcare - The time is NOW to make this a reality" - [HERE](#)

Dr. Darcy Bryan - "Obstetrical Crisis in Rural America and Public Policy Solutions" - [HERE](#)

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

ADVOCACY

IRS Proposes Rule that allows HSAs for Direct Pay Subscriptions! Comments needed by August 10!

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-deferred medical accounts— including FSAs, HRAs and in certain situations HSAs.

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](#).

Comments are necessary to make this stronger by August 10. Submit them [HERE](#).

NEXGENMED

A new episode of NexGenMed, the podcast by and for medical students, is out. Our host speaks with Marilyn Singleton, MD, JD, about race in America. Listen to this episode [HERE](#).

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