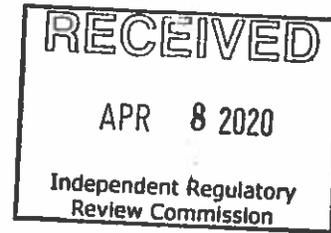


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Good morning,

I'm a board-certified physician in Virginia. I understand that during this pandemic you have decided to increase your fees for physicians to practice medicine.

I am writing to tell you that this is utterly ridiculous in this time when physicians are absolutely necessary to mitigate this pandemic. Increasingly, more physicians are thinking about leaving medicine and pushing back on the utter ridiculousness that they have been putting up with for years, including ridiculous fees that keep increasing. It is a slap in the face to increase fees at this time for physicians to have the privilege to help you when you need their help.

Who is it that you think is going to help you in the hospital when you or your loved one gets sick with Covid or anything else at this point? And you want to charge them for that, at a time when other states are loosening restrictions so that physicians can practice across state lines so they can help people in this crisis? You want to not only keep charging a fee, you want to increase the fee. When in fact, you should actually be waving the fee.

Look at other businesses, like restaurants, bars, hotels etc. Do you see them raising fees at this time- No. In fact they are providing free things to healthcare workers such as hotel rooms to those on the front lines. And you are doing the exact opposite. I know you have to keep your salaries. But you actually don't, since many other people including many physicians are taking pay cuts, or have offices that are closed so they don't spread COVID. You want to charge these physicians more money for the privilege of not practicing right now? There are many many other people who make a lot less than you all do who are not getting paid at all.

I urge you to rethink charging physicians more money to be able to help save your life at this time. In fact if anything, you should be suspending any fees For the privilege of helping to save your life or your loved ones life. You're a person. Think about this.

Nancy Baxi MD

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