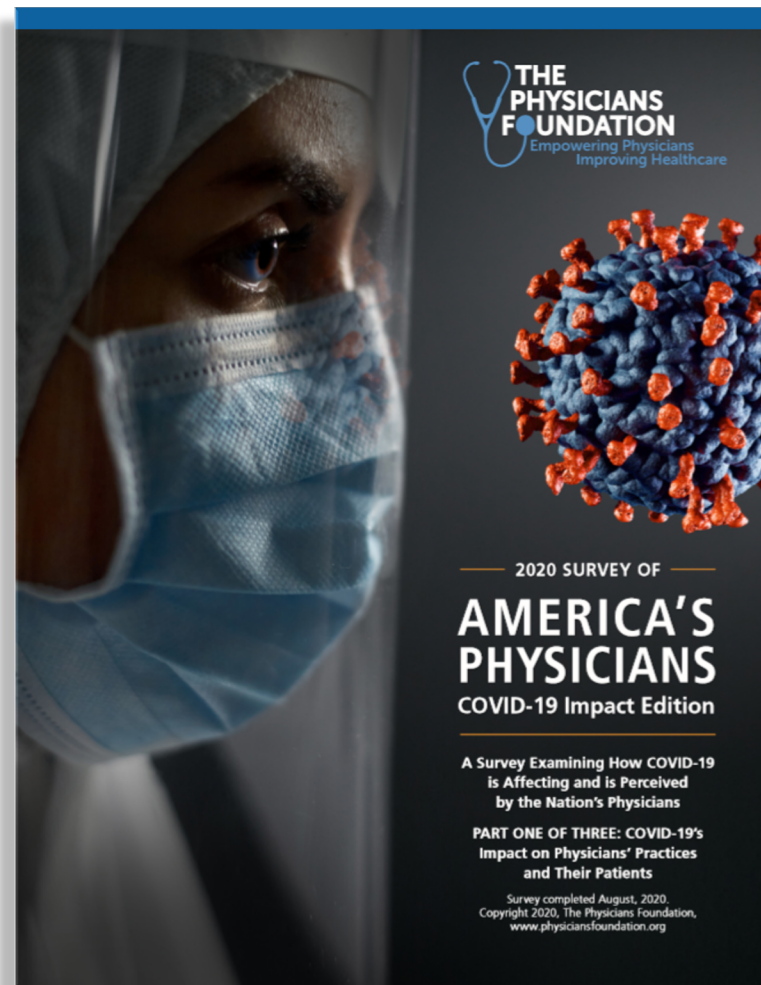


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**Member Briefing
Fall 2020—North Carolina**

Understanding the COVID-19 “Effect” on Private Physician Practices (8/2020)



Survey Parameters

- Surveys done each year since 2008 by The Physicians Foundation
- 2020 focus solely on COVID-19
- Three-part series:
 - **Part 1:** COVID-19 Impact on Physicians' Practices and Their Patients
 - **Part 2:** COVID-19 Impact on MD Wellbeing
 - **Part 3:** COVID-19 Impact on Healthcare System

Welcoming the Next-Generation Leader of Organized Medicine in NC

» Chip Baggett, JD

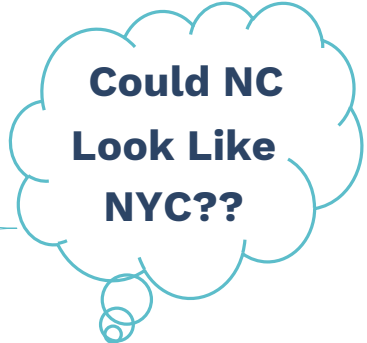
- Continued focus on advocacy efforts at NCGA
- Communications and fundraising for NCMS and NCMS Foundation
- An understanding of health care as it is delivered from Murphy to Manteo



We Had A Crystal Ball... or Just Guessed Right

» **February**—NYC became the COVID-19 epicenter of the world:

- Hospitals understaffed/overwhelmed
- LT care facilities crushed
- PPE shortages
- MD practice patterns altered...dramatically
- Access to healthcare frighteningly reduced
- Practices' doors shut
- Telehealth an only option




**Could NC
Look Like
NYC??**



**A Lesson
Learned!**



3/30: We began to capture data because the right data can really help to make new laws ...



Urgent Practice Data Survey

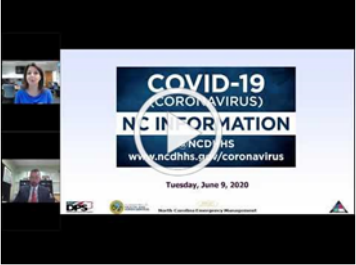
Week of July 6th
Your response is needed!

NCMGMA, NCMS, and Curi are working together to gather vital practice information from administrators and clinicians across North Carolina relative to the COVID-19 crisis.

To support this effort, we are continuing to send a brief e-survey every other week and we ask that you please complete this survey when you receive it in your inbox.

TAKE THE SURVEY NOW!

Secretary of the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, Dr. Mandy Cohen, MD recognizes the importance of the Urgent Practice Data Survey. Click the video below to hear what she had to say!



COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS) NC INFORMATION
www.ncdhhs.gov/coronavirus
Tuesday, June 9, 2020

About the NCMGMA, NCMS and Curi Survey

The same set of questions will be sent to your inbox every other Monday and the idea is to capture snapshots of North Carolina's healthcare practices as we continue to move through the coronavirus pandemic. The information and data you share will be compiled and used anonymously to better understand the most acute and immediate needs, and to establish any trends to inform our policymakers and legislative initiatives on behalf of the physicians, PAs, practice administrators and the patients of North Carolina.

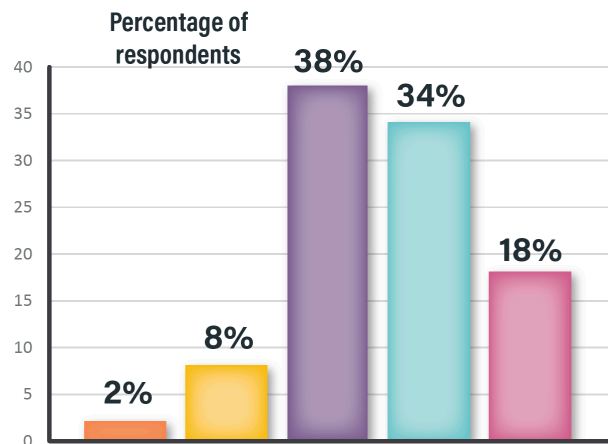
Impacts on Independent Physician Practices

Urgent Practice Data Survey (N.C.)

- Weekly tracking questions
- Rotating “issue-specific” questions
 - Practice Finances
 - Telehealth
 - Reopening NC
 - Physician Well-being

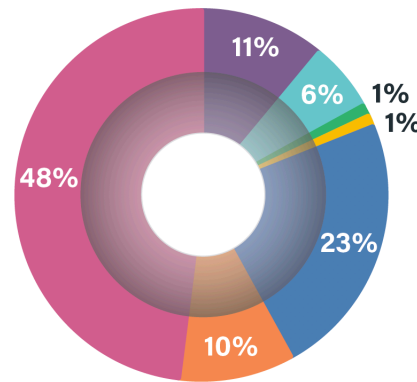
Financial Report (e.g., Week of April 27)

What does your practice revenue look like today compared to your normal (pre COVID-19) practice revenue?



- 2%No Change
- 8%Decrease of 25% or less
- 38% ..Decrease of 26% to 50%
- 34% ..Decrease of 51% to 75%
- 18% ...Decrease of more than 75%

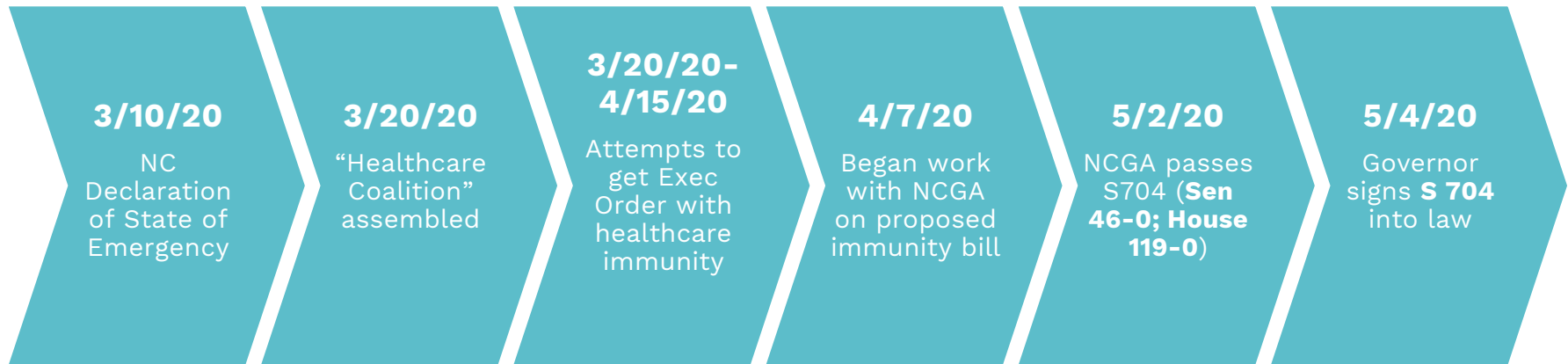
Did your practice apply for the 1st Round of funding through the PPP?



- 11%No my practice was not eligible
- 6%No my practice was not interested
- 1%No I didn't complete the application in time
- 1%Yes but my application was denied
- 23% ..Yes but I was told no funds were available
- 10% ...Yes but I never received a response
- 48% ..Yes and we received financial assistance

Paycheck Protection Program funds provided a vital lifeline to many practices that had seen a potentially catastrophic decline in revenues.

COVID-19 Liability: Making Sausage in a Pandemic



< 60 Days
From No Laws to Immunity

Unprecedented Protection and a Booster Shot for Health Care: S 704 (70 pgs; *not just health care*)

» Part III. Healthcare:

– G.S. § 90-21.133 grants civil immunity (protections from being sued for malpractice) to all healthcare providers and healthcare entities providing any care to any patient, for any reason, during the state's declared COVID-19 emergency.

» Exceptions for gross negligence and intentional acts

Unprecedented Protection and a Booster Shot for Health Care: S 704 (*70 pgs; not just health care*)

- G.S. § 66-640 grants civil immunity (protections from being sued by either your own employees or by your patients) to all "essential businesses" (healthcare practices/facilities are by definition "essential businesses") for claims for any injury or death alleged to have been caused by the person contracting COVID-19 ... while getting care from ... or while employed by the practice/facility.

Project:

- » Assembled multi-disciplinary experts and leaders
- » Community research and info-gathering meetings state-wide
- » Developed and prioritized common set of health indicators and targets for NC over next decade
- » DHHS, NCGA, and Governor to use for population health improvement plan

