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The Oklahoma Psychological Association (OPA) is your professional association and we are providing leadership as psychologists and as a profession.

We are facing an unprecedented public health crisis with impacts on psychological health. Your training, experience compassion and wisdom are needed now more than ever as we face this pandemic as a community.

OPA understands that the current situation is one of uncertainty, including financial uncertainty. Professional associations like OPA cannot continue without membership and so we want you to know how invaluable your membership is – not just for access to the protection of bad regulations and enhanced positive laws to help advance the practice of psychology and elevate our status as specialists in behavioral health, through list serv and CEU access and discounts but in strengthening our profession for our collective benefit and for the benefit of all Oklahomans.

Your OPA team has been working tirelessly and our priorities over the course of the last few weeks:

- Ongoing conversations and video conferencing with APA, Oklahoma Congressional staff as well as state leaders, insurers and both OHCA and ODMHSAS to ensure telemedicine was a viable option and billable for psychologists
- Ongoing fielding of calls, updating communications both email, telephone and websites dedicated to COVID 19 resources and information you can use
- Public education through press releases, phone calls, etc. on how psychology can help
- Collaboration with psychologists across North America to ensure our members are kept informed of the latest information in order to see patients in these challenging times
- Fielding and participating in many video conference calls with APA and others as relief efforts unfold, efforts that will impact and provide aid to all Oklahoma businesses and those impacted by this pandemic

We want you to be able to focus on your clients and the needs of our state now more than ever. As your staff, we are assessing all our operations and expenses to ensure we can continue to operate effectively and as efficiently as possible on your behalf. We will continue to work with and for you as we face what lies ahead for us.

These are challenging and unsettling times. Together we can achieve more and by faith we can survive this! Thank you for being on this journey with us.

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