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ArMA Responds to Comments of Physicians Intentionally Diagnosing COVID-19 for Monetary Gain

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“In light of recent inaccurate statements made this week suggesting that the physician community is intentionally diagnosing COVID-19 for monetary gain, we want to remind our patients that physicians take a strong stance when it comes to their position on evidence-based medicine. Doing so without any attempt for personal gain is instilled in the oath we take to practice medicine. While there are specific reimbursements provided by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services available with the current pandemic, physicians remain deeply rooted in the science behind our treatments and decision-making process. Often while risking our safety and lives along other frontline healthcare workers as we continue to treat our patients, your doctor will always keep your care a top priority during and after the COVID-19 pandemic. As we continue to see a surge in cases, you can still do your part to control the spread of COVID-19 by wearing a mask, washing your hands frequently, and practicing social distancing. Everyone has the opportunity to contribute to better the outcome of this pandemic.”

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