

Healthcare Crisis: Do We Have the Workforce Needed for Today and Tomorrow?

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Darlene J. Curley, RN, MS, FAAN is CEO of the Jonas Family Fund and Executive Director of the Jonas Center for Nursing and Veterans Healthcare, a philanthropic organization charged with improving healthcare access, quality and affordability. Grant strategies include nursing, veterans' healthcare, low vision and blindness, mental health, and environmental health. Since 2009, Curley has transformed the profile and impact of the Center from a local NYC funder to a National thought leader, by forging partnerships with 40 funders and more than 100 academic and healthcare organizations. She is leading a \$25 million effort to support 1,000 Doctoral Nursing Scholars in all 50 States to address the nation's critical shortage of nursing faculty and primary care leaders.

Ms. Curley served as a Representative in the Maine State Legislature (2002-2007), responsible for negotiation and oversight of an \$8 billion state budget as a member of the appropriations committee. She was appointed to the Health Committee of the National Conference of State Legislatures, and is recognized as an expert in state health policy, finance and workforce development. Committed to healthcare access in rural areas, Curley was the Founder and CEO of Community Homecare, a Medicare- and Medicaid-certified home health and medical staffing agency serving five counties in western and northern Maine (1982-1990). From 1992-95 Ms. Curley was the Northeast Director of System Integration for Advantage Health. As National Director of Strategic Planning for HealthSouth (1996-99), she was responsible for health system mergers and acquisitions in all 50 states.

Ms. Curley holds a B.S. from the University of Maine and an M.S. from the University of Maryland. In 2013 she received the Second Century Award for Excellence in Healthcare from Columbia University, and in 2015 was named a Visionary Pioneer at the University of Maryland. Ms. Curley is currently an external advisor to the Columbia University Center for Health Policy, appointed to Senator Gillibrand's NY Aging Issue Workgroup, and a Fellow in the American Academy of Nursing and New York Academy of Medicine. She is a frequent speaker and author on topics of healthcare philanthropy, healthy policy and workforce development including op-eds in *Politico* and the *L.A. Times*.