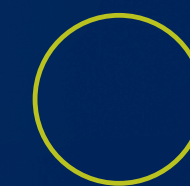


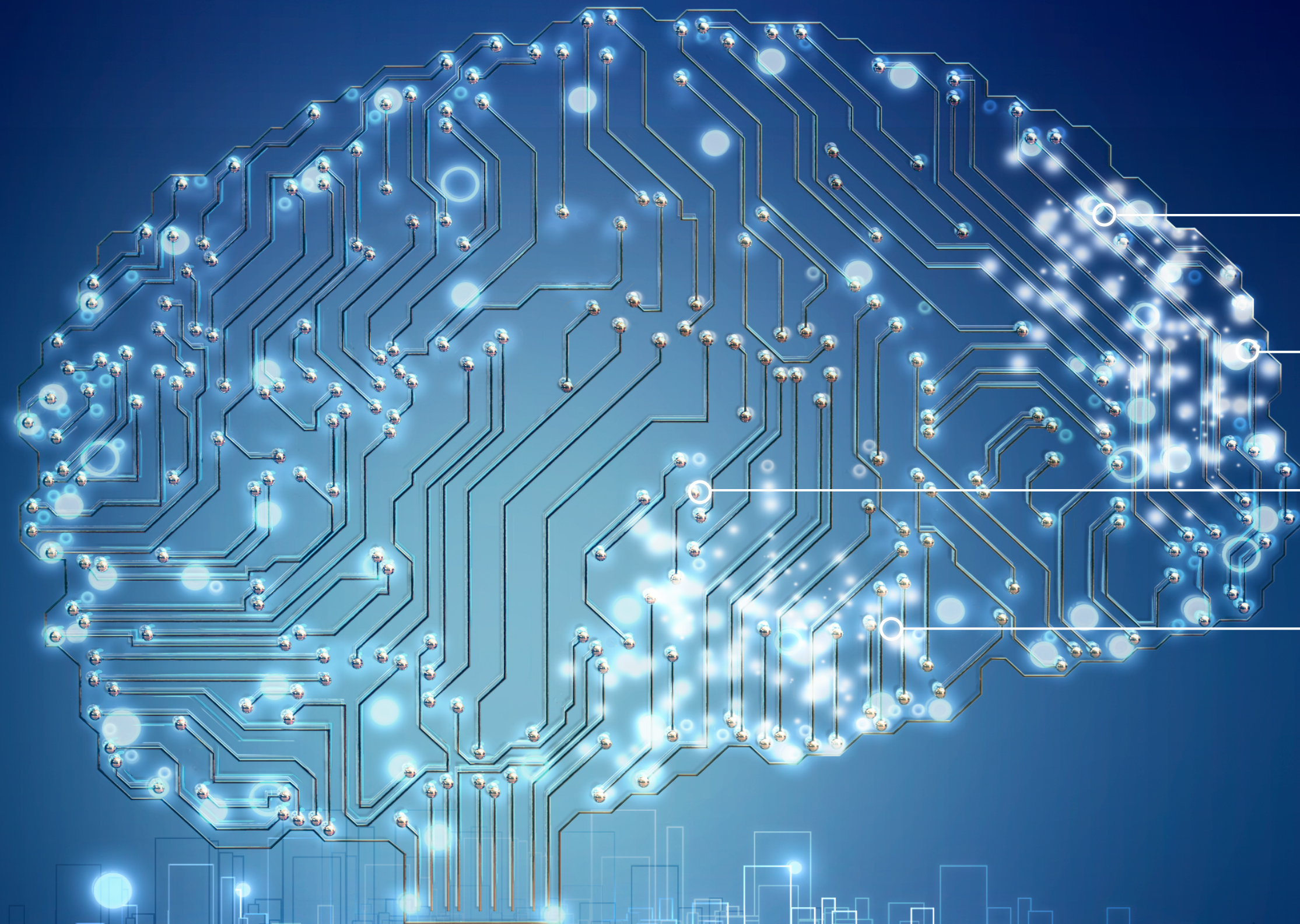
Thinking about treatments
for your members with MDD?

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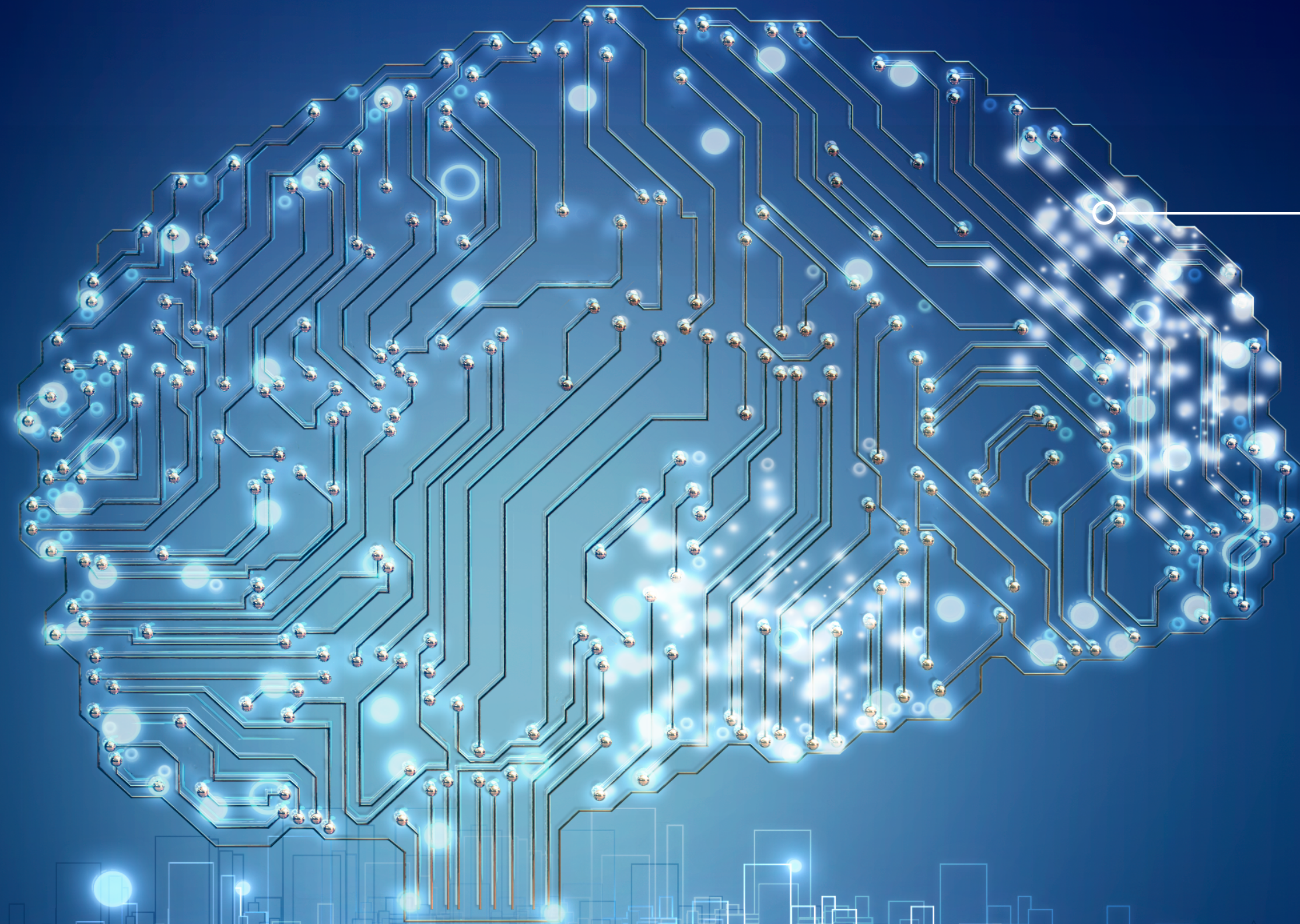
Digital
Therapeutics —
Make a connection
to the future of
treatment in MDD



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Mental Health, Major Depressive Disorder (MDD), and COVID-19

The COVID-19 pandemic has worsened mental health in the United States

- Before COVID-19, US adults struggled with mental health issues.

In the Kaiser Family Foundation (KFF) nationally representative survey of 1862 adults, those seeking mental health services unrelated to COVID-19 reported^{1,2}

~ **1 in 4**
couldn't afford the cost



~ **1 in 4** was unable to access a provider



~ **1 in 6** was unable to access services or medications



1 in 10 experienced limitations in coverage

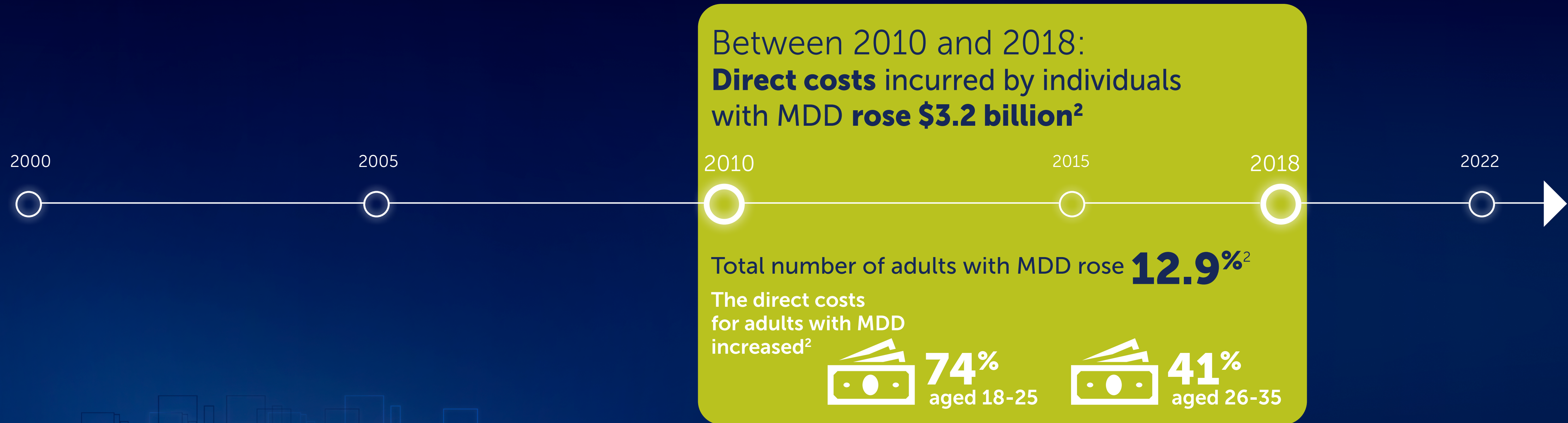


3x increase in the prevalence of **depression symptoms** during the COVID-19 pandemic³

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MDD is common and increasingly costly

- An estimated 19.4 million adults in the United States had at least one major depressive episode in 2019¹



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Patients encounter barriers at every step of the treatment journey

1

DIAGNOSIS OF MDD

Of the estimated 7.8% of US adults that are affected by MDD every year¹

31% of adults did not seek treatment due to stigma²

Among racial and ethnic minority groups these rates vary from 29.4% to 47.4%²

Other obstacles to diagnosis included fear and hesitancy that may affect treatment access³

2

PHARMACOLOGIC INTERVENTION

Patients were ~5 times more likely to experience problems obtaining medications when step-therapy or fail-first protocols were required⁴

Patient were ~8 times more likely to experience problems obtaining medications when prior authorizations were required⁴

3

PSYCHOTHERAPY

2 out of 5 Americans live in areas with a shortage of mental health professionals⁵

42% of US adults saw cost and poor insurance coverage as top barriers to mental healthcare⁶

25% of Americans reported having to choose between mental health treatment and daily necessities⁶

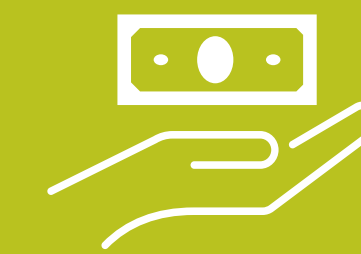
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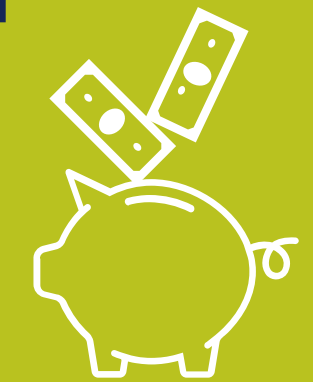
Mood disorders were the most common cause of hospitalization for all people in the United States under age 45, excluding hospitalization relating to pregnancy and birth⁷

As of 2018, an estimated 54% of US counties do not have a single psychiatrist¹⁰

Cost to Payer



Every \$1 invested in prevention



could yield an estimated \$2.3-\$2.6 in saved costs⁸

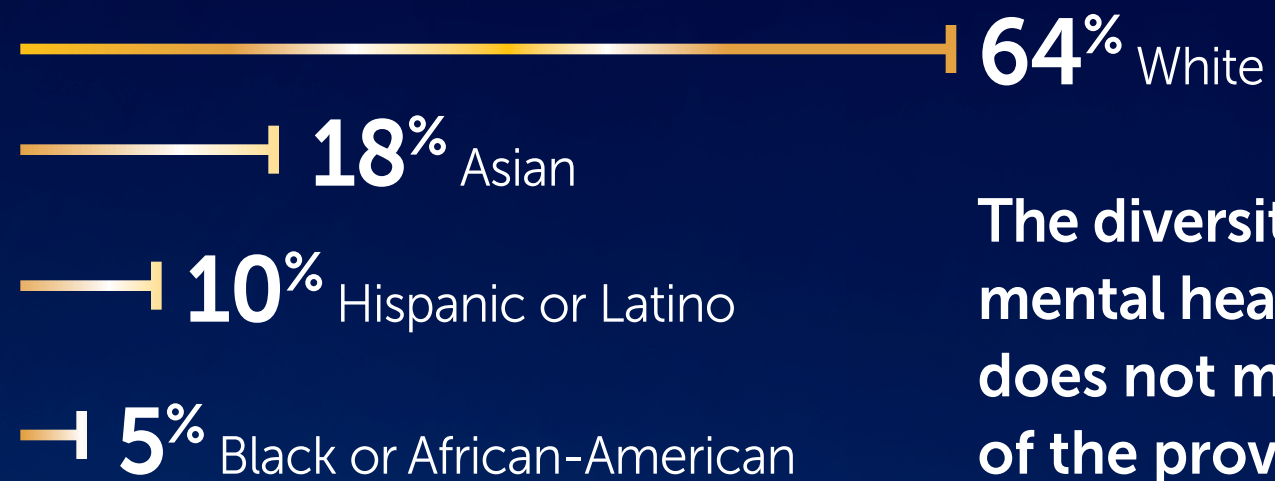
Direct healthcare costs significantly increased with each successive line (up to 3 lines) of therapy highlighting the need for rapid and effective treatment options⁹

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Groups that are less likely to obtain or receive mental healthcare¹

- The rate of underdiagnosis or misdiagnosis is higher in diverse and underserved populations, which may be due to a lack of cultural understanding, language barriers, and cultural presentations of symptoms¹

PSYCHIATRIC DEMOGRAPHICS IN THE US (2018)²



The diversity profile of mental health patients does not match that of the provider base



Only 33% of African Americans who need mental healthcare received it³



American Indian/Alaskan Natives reported higher rates of PTSD and alcohol dependence than any other ethnic/racial group¹



Only 19% of Hispanic adults with a mental illness were likely to use outpatient mental health services⁴



Transgender and nonbinary individuals were twice as likely to experience depression⁵

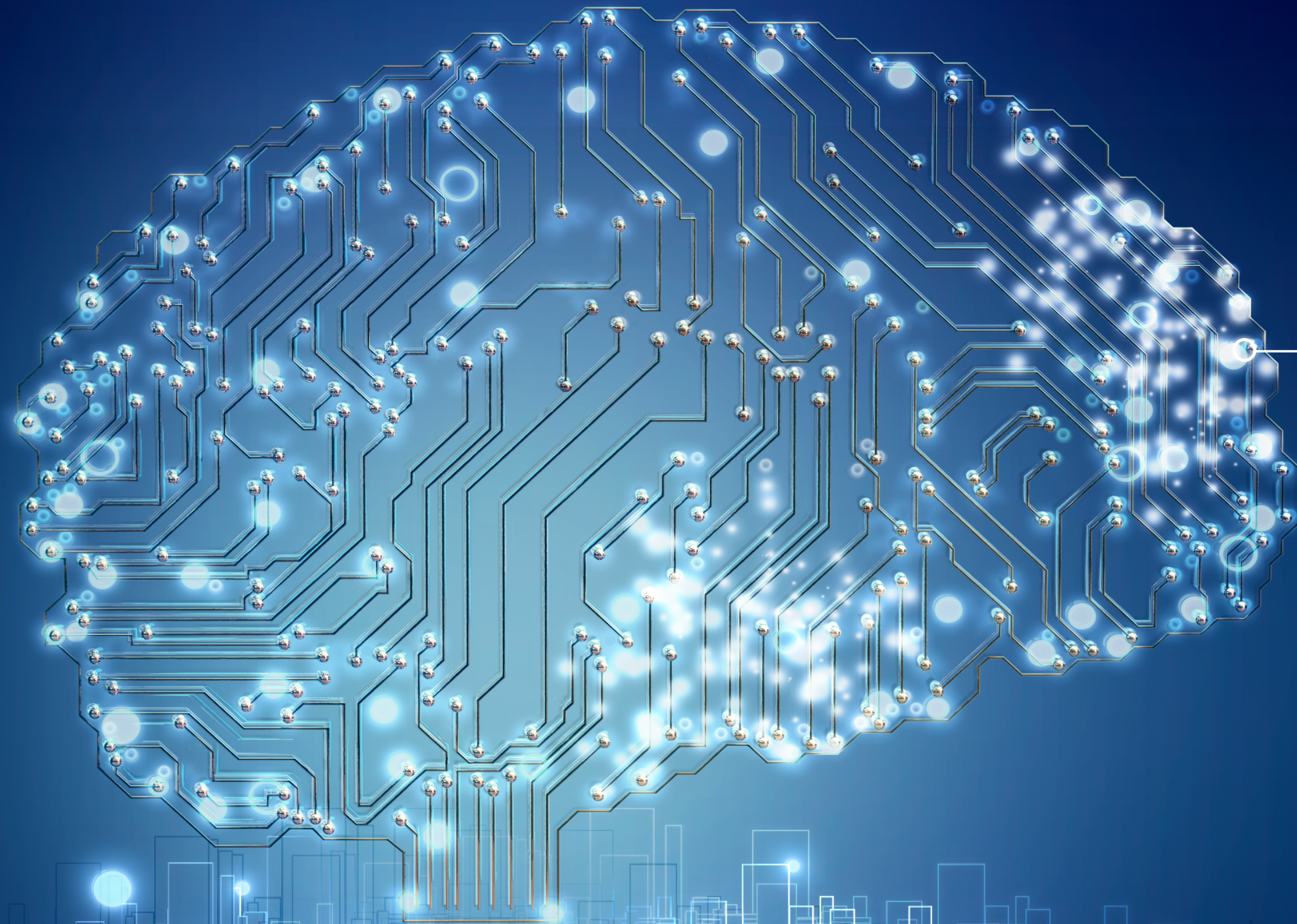


6 million men are affected by depression per year, but are less likely to acknowledge it⁶

This information is intended to bring awareness to diverse and underserved populations, but is not meant to be exhaustive

PTSD, post-traumatic stress disorder.

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Digital Therapeutics (DTx): The Future of Healthcare

Digital health may be an extension to conventional medicine

GENERAL MEDICINE

FDA approves first statin (Mevacor)¹

1986

1988

Becton Dickinson introduces the BD Safety-Lok, the first safety-engineered syringe²

SPECIALTY MEDICINE

Palmaz-Schatz releases Balloon Expandable Stent³

1994

1995

First HIV patient starts highly active antiretroviral therapy (HAART)⁴

Approval of Herceptin for HER2+ breast cancer⁵

1998

PERSONALIZED MEDICINE

Roche launches AmpliChip CYP450⁷

2000

2003

Next-Generation Sequencing becomes commercially available⁶

FDA approves Medtronic's artificial pancreas⁹

2016

FDA approves Lynparza with CDx⁸

2014

DIGITAL MEDICINE

FDA approves first digital medicine system¹⁰

2017

FDA clears Pear Therapeutics' reSET^{®11}

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DTx are increasingly available

“ Digital therapeutics (DTx) deliver medical interventions directly to patients **using evidence-based, clinically evaluated software** to treat, manage, and prevent a broad spectrum of diseases and disorders.¹

- DTx Alliance



Globally, as of 2020, **25 DTx products** have been granted market authorization. **Another 23 are commercially available**, with indications predominantly in the **mental health** and **behavior modification** areas. **An additional 89** are in earlier stages of development and evidence generation.²

The National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) has recognized the need to integrate technology into mental healthcare



Strategic goals established by the NIMH for 2021-2026 include:
**Increasing access to evidence-based interventions
through the expanded use of technology**

**Expanding access to care through technology is a key goal of the NIMH,
specifically:**

- Developing psychosocial device-based therapeutic candidates

Digital solutions differ in their levels of regulatory validation

MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL AND CAREGIVER USE:

DIGITAL PHARMACIES

Solutions that offer prescription sorting, packaging, and same-day prescription delivery services.

DIAGNOSTIC TOOLKITS

Guided medical exams with a remote physician/healthcare professional from anytime and anywhere.

DIGITAL BIOMARKERS

Physiological and behavioral measures, generated by patients and collected through a variety of digital tools.

REMOTE MONITORING

Devices and software that help patients self-manage conditions and allow healthcare professionals to monitor patients remotely.

CARE COMPANIONS

Digital solutions designed to support the care needs of patients during treatment and rehabilitation.

TRIAGE TOOLS

Software that guides patients on their care pathway and provides support for frontline workers.

CAREGIVER TOOLS

Digital solutions designed to help caregivers perform daily operations more effectively in their workplace.



Level of regulatory validation & scrutiny

PATIENT USE:

PRESCRIPTION

DIGITAL THERAPEUTICS (PDTs)

FDA authorized software as medical device (SaMD), evaluated and clinically validated for safety and efficacy. Delivers disease-specific, evidence-based treatment. **By Rx Only.**

NONPRESCRIPTION
DIGITAL THERAPEUTICS

Non-FDA authorized SaMD, with limited clinically validated safety and efficacy. Delivers **disease-specific** treatment.

WELLNESS

APPS

Nonregulated solutions designed to coach, educate, and provide feedback to help people lead healthier lives and avoid stress-related illness.

Rx, medical prescription.

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PDTs are clinically validated tools designed to support treatment engagement

Level of regulatory validation & scrutiny 

DIGITAL MENTAL HEALTH TOOLS (DMHTS)

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PROVIDER-DRIVEN INITIATIVES

Clinician training in behavioral and primary care

Patient content (pamphlets, web sites, publications, etc.)

Electronic medical record (EMR) functionality to support workflow integration



Patient use of DMHTs was **2 to 3 times** the expected rate of similar apps downloaded from general app stores. Up to **1/3** of clinician-referred DMHT users were still actively using apps **3 months** after initiation²

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PDTs may help overcome a variety of patients' obstacles to treatment



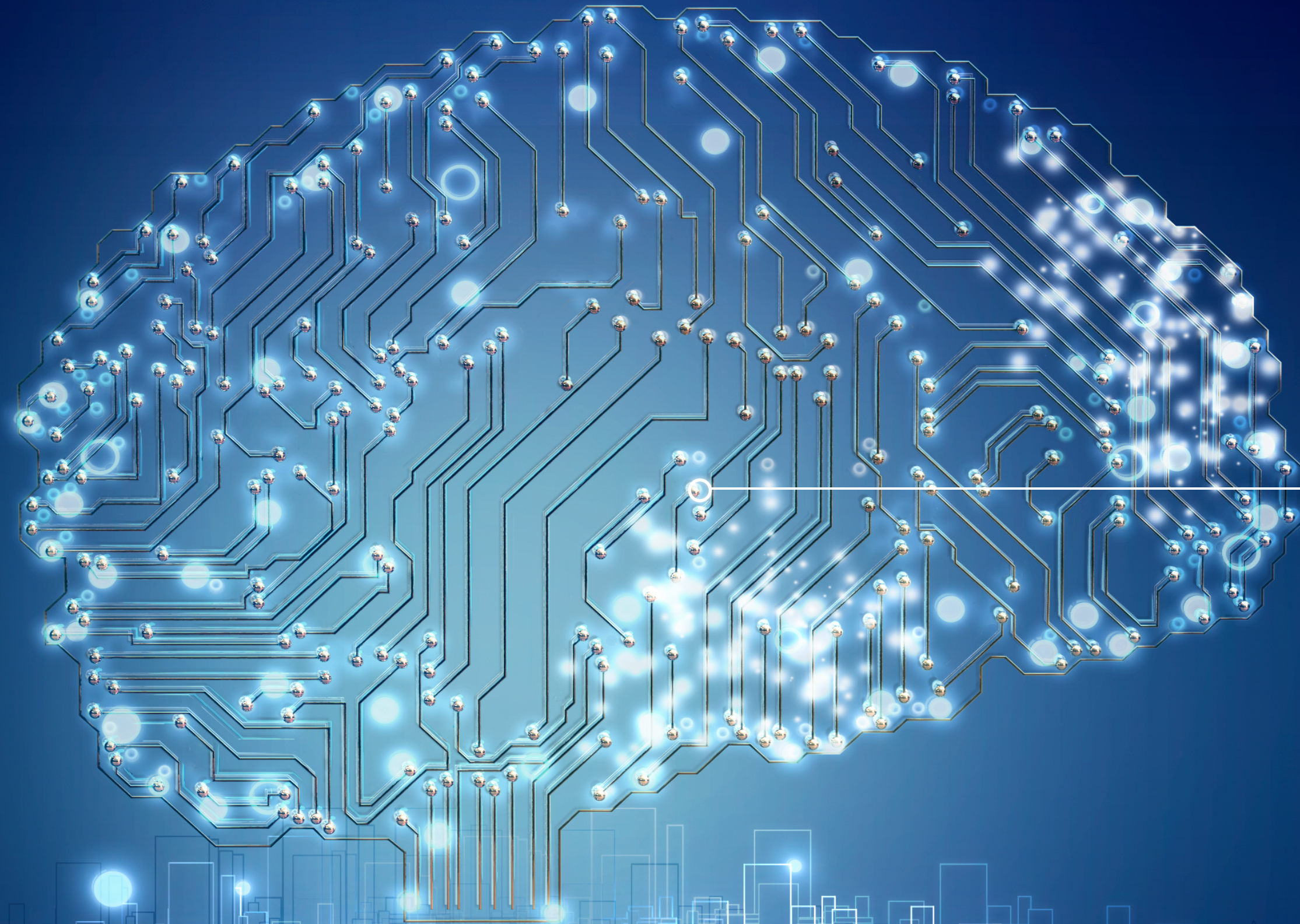
How do **YOU** anticipate this will impact you and your plan?

Innovative interventions may increase the percentage of patients successfully treated for MDD²

The above is a representation of how PDTs may support overcoming treatment obstacles, identified in the previous section

ER, emergency room.

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FDA Market Authorization for Prescription Digital Therapeutics (PDTs)

SaMDs must follow one of these regulatory pathways to obtain marketing authorization



WITHOUT PREDICATE FOLLOWS THE DeNOVO PATHWAY

If a predicate device with the same intended use cannot be identified, or if the new device's different technological characteristics raise different questions of safety or effectiveness, a manufacturer may submit a De Novo request, either after receipt of a "Not Substantially Equivalent" (NSE) letter or by directly requesting classification through the De Novo process.¹

The De Novo review standard is the reasonable assurance of safety and effectiveness.

Marketing authorization via the De Novo classification process is referred to as...

GRANTED

WITH PREDICATE FOLLOWS THE 510(k) CLEARANCE PATHWAY

When the FDA determines that a new device is substantially equivalent (SE) to a legally marketed, and previously approved (predicate) device, the new device is subject to the same requirements as the predicate device.²

The 510(k) review standard is comparative. Nonetheless, the principles of safety and effectiveness underlie the substantial equivalence determination.

Marketing authorization obtained via the 510(k) process is referred to as...

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Prescription Digital Therapeutics (PDTs) are subjected to FDA regulation and can be authorized as a device

Software as a Medical Device

Software intended to be used for one or more medical purposes, intended to perform these purposes **without** being part of a hardware medical device¹



PDTs ARE CONSIDERED SOFTWARE AS A MEDICAL DEVICE (SaMD) AND NEED TO MEET GENERAL CONTROLS

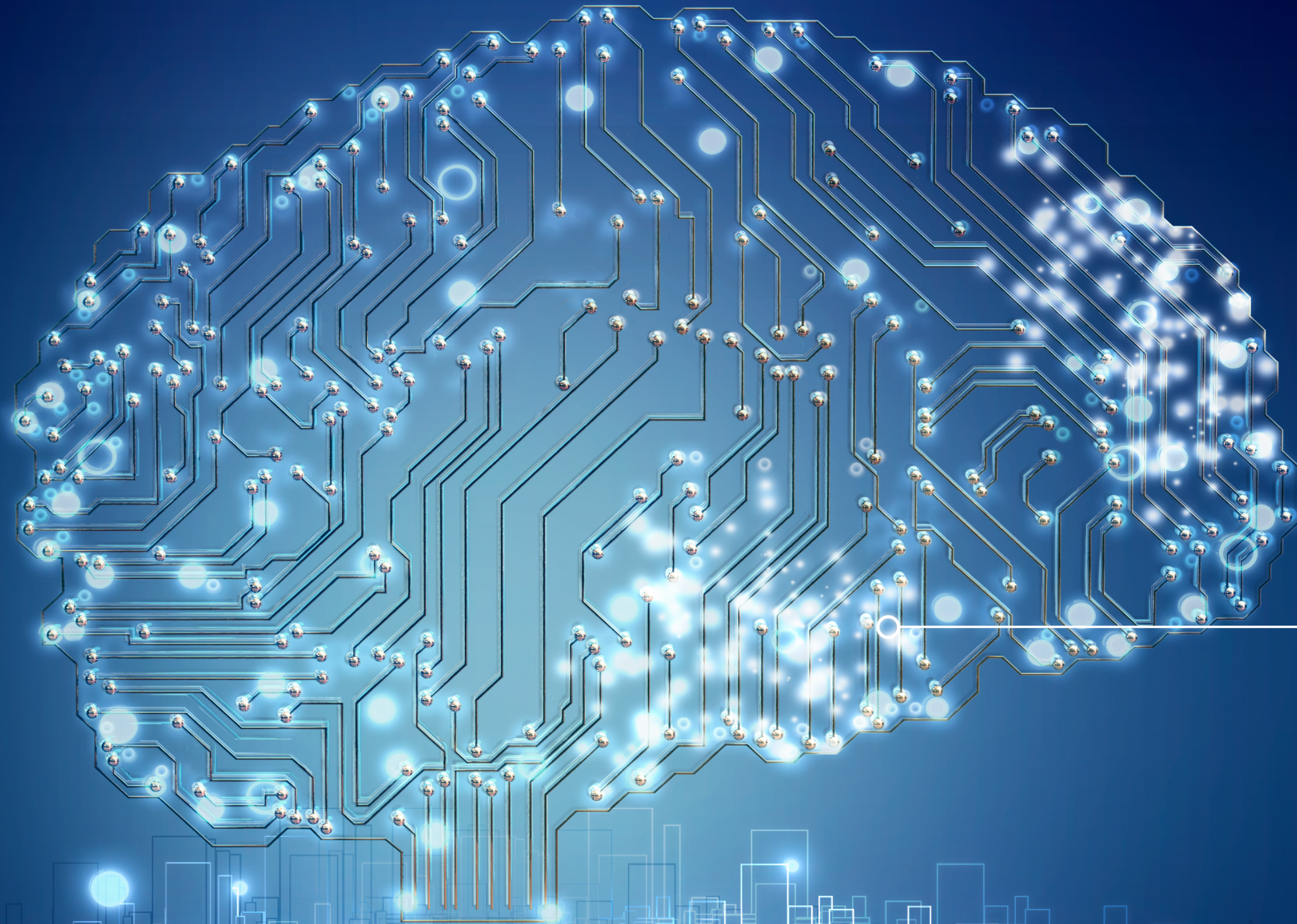
These controls are the basic authorities of the Medical Device Amendments that provide the FDA with the means of regulating devices to ensure their safety and effectiveness.

Additional **special controls** must also be met, as general controls are considered insufficient to classify these devices.

The special controls for SaMD are²:

- **Clinical data describing and validating** the device and its purpose
- **The label must include** instructions for use, list of compatible devices, and a warning that the device is not intended for use as a standalone therapy and does not represent a substitution for the patient's medication
- Physician and patient **labeling must include** a summary of the clinical testing with the device
- **Software description** including verification, validation, and hazard analysis

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Summary

PDTs may hold promise in the treatment of MDD

- Despite advances in treatment, MDD remains a costly and growing population health issue

- Some patients experience less than optimal response to current treatments
- Psychotherapy may be difficult to access due to time constraints or coverage limitations, and may be impractical for some patients
- Provider shortages create significant barriers to treatment

THINK
ABOUT **DIGITAL** ○

PDTs are FDA-authorized SaMD, evaluated and clinically validated for safety and efficacy



- PDTs may offer a feasible, stigma-reducing option for patients
- Flexible provider engagement may lead to more access to treatment
- PDTs are designed to address current barriers to treatment
- Consistent in approach and practical, this alternative may increase treatment participation

How could Prescription Digital Therapeutics add value for your members?

HCP, healthcare professional.

