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I am a mental health consultant and due to short staffing, I may need to see a patient who is struggling, possible with suicide ideation in our given time slots oh 30 minutes. Worse yet, when we are short staffed, there is no backfill. Now we squeeze two pts in, or we just don't see the patient, worse case scenario is we don't give the time the patient needs due to short staffing.

Getting more back fill is possible. Mngt isn't interested and not engaging in conversation. I support this measure for safe staffing That would require safe staffing and repercussions for not providing adequate staffing for social workers, mental health workers and all allied staff and clinicians.