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Harriet Ekperigin brings over 20 years of experience in the mental health sector. In her roles as vice president of mental health at Green Shield and head of clinical and operations at Inkblot Therapy (a Green Shield Group of Companies), she is responsible for growing the mental health strategy that supports the organization's mandate as a payor and provider of mental health services. Prior to this role, Ekperigin was the senior lead for virtual mental health at the Ontario Telemedicine Network and Ontario Health. She oversaw the dramatic growth of Ontario's virtual mental health program—from a pilot project to Canada's first province-wide, fully funded internet-based cognitive behaviour therapy program. Of note, this program supported over 120,000 Ontarians during the COVID-19 pandemic. Ekperigin has held several transformative roles in the private and public sectors, including with KPMG, the Ministry of Transportation, eHealth Ontario and the Centre for Addictions and Mental Health. She began her career as a mental health nurse in the U.K. and moved to Canada in 2001. Ekperigin currently serves as vice-chair on the board of directors for Connex Ontario and sits as co-chair on a working group of the National Mental Health and Substance Use Standardization Collaborative. She holds a bachelor's degree in nursing, a master of business administration degree and is Project Management Professional (PMP)[®] Certified.