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### 2019 Federal Policy Priorities

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The American Society of Plastic Surgeons advocates for policies that serve the interests of patients, advance the specialty, and support its members. ASPS promotes the highest quality patient care, and its member surgeons strive to improve functional capacity and quality of life for patients. To ensure that our healthcare system is effective and efficient, **ASPS will focus its federal advocacy efforts on:**

#### HIGH PRIORITIES

- **Increasing patient access to plastic surgery services by advancing policies that:**
  - raise awareness of the scope of plastic surgery;
  - reduce regulatory and administrative burdens that create barriers to patient care;
  - ensure practitioners cannot advertise in a false or misleading way; and
  - reduce professional liability, with a focus on tort reform and capping non-economic damages.
- **Protecting the safety of plastic surgery patients by advancing policies that prevent non-surgeons from performing complex surgical procedures.**

#### OTHER PRIORITIES

- **Increasing patient access to plastic surgery services by advancing policies that:**
  - preserve a viable fee-for-service option in Medicare's Quality Payment Program;
  - adequately reimburse ambulatory surgery centers in order to ensure that these cost-effective facilities remain a viable alternative to hospital outpatient departments;
  - establish and enforce adequate numbers of plastic surgeons in payor networks and preserve out-of-network options; and
  - allow physicians to engage in collective bargaining.
- **Protecting the safety of plastic surgery patients by advancing policies that support and enhance ASPS/PSF Registry and Research Initiative, such as the ASPS QCDR, FRANCHISE, GRAFT, NBIR, PROFILE, and TOPS.**