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### 2022 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:**

#### CORE PRIORITIES

- Increasing patient access to plastic surgery services by advancing policies that reduce professional liability, with a focus on tort reform and capping non-economic damages.
- Advancing out-of-network billing policies that inform patients about their coverage, maintain an out-of-network option for elective care, and fairly compensate physicians who inadvertently provide out-of-network care.
- Increasing patient access to plastic surgery services by advancing policies that reduce regulatory and administrative burdens that create barriers to patient care.

#### HIGH PRIORITIES

- Protecting the safety of plastic surgery patients by advancing policies that prevent non-surgeons from performing complex surgical procedures.
- Ensuring practitioners cannot advertise in a false or misleading way.
- Supporting policies that allow physicians to engage in collective bargaining.

#### OTHER PRIORITIES

- Advocating for policies that increase the cap on Medicare-funded graduate medical education (GME) positions for specialists.
- Increasing patient access to plastic surgery services by advancing policies that raise awareness of the scope of plastic surgery.