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### 2019 State 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 health care system is effective and efficient, **ASPS will focus its state advocacy efforts on:**

#### CORE PRIORITIES

- **Protecting the safety of plastic surgery patients by advancing policies that:**
  - stop efforts to expand non-physician scope of practice to include cosmetic surgery; and
  - ensure clear standards are in law for what can be advertised as “board certification.”
- **Stopping any state-based efforts to tax cosmetic plastic surgery.**

#### HIGH PRIORITIES

- **Ensuring physicians and patients are well served by policy responses addressing out-of-network billing by advancing policies that:**
  - inform patients about their coverage;
  - fairly compensate physicians who inadvertently provide out-of-network care; and
  - establish and enforce network adequacy and transparency.
- **Increasing patient protections by ensuring providers are currently privileged for the procedures they perform in office-based settings.**
- **Stopping attempts to mandate physician participation with third party payors, including Medicare and Medicaid.**
- **Protecting the value of American Board of Plastic Surgery certification by opposing restrictions or bans on the use of maintenance of certification for licensing, insurance credentialing/reimbursement, or hospital privileging decisions.**

#### OTHER PRIORITIES

- **Fighting in-office compounding/reconstitution regulations that treat physician practices like pharmacies.**