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2020 State Policy Priorities

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 dentist, esthetician, and optometrist scopes of practice to include cosmetic surgery;
 - prevent the independent practice of medicine by non-physicians; and
 - ensure clear standards are in law for what can be advertised as “board certification.”

HIGH PRIORITIES

- Stopping any state-based efforts to tax cosmetic surgery.
- Ensuring physicians are well-served by policy responses addressing out-of-network billing by advancing policies that fairly compensate physicians who inadvertently provide out-of-network care.
- Increasing patient protections by ensuring providers are currently privileged for the procedures they perform in office-based settings.
- Opposing single-payer healthcare systems.
- Protecting the safety of plastic surgery patients by advancing policies that stop efforts by naturopaths to expand their scope of practice to include cosmetic surgery.

OTHER PRIORITIES

- Ensuring physicians and patients are well-served by policy responses addressing out-of-network billing by advancing policies that:
 - do not ban balance billing;
 - inform patients about their coverage; and
 - establish and enforce network adequacy and transparency.