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2021 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 dentists' scope of practice to include cosmetic surgery;
 - ensure fair compensation for physicians who provide out-of-network care; and
 - guarantee clear standards are in law for what can be advertised as "board certification."

HIGH PRIORITIES

- Stopping any state-based efforts to tax cosmetic surgery.
- Increasing patient protections by ensuring providers are currently privileged for the procedures they perform in office-based settings.
- Protecting the safety of plastic surgery patients by advancing policies that stop efforts by estheticians, naturopaths, and optometrists to expand their scope of practice to include cosmetic surgery.
- Opposing nurse practitioner (NP) independent practice and restricting physician assistant (PA) scope of practice to maintain a team-based practice model.
- Advancing policies that establish and enforce network adequacy and transparency.
- Preventing mandatory physician participation with payors, including Medicaid and Medicare.
- Opposing attempts to criminalize gender confirmation.

OTHER PRIORITIES

- Ensuring physicians and patients are well-served by policy responses addressing out-of-network billing by advancing policies fairly regulate balance billing and inform patients about their coverage.