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2022 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 the scope of practice for dentists, estheticians, naturopaths, and optometrists 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.
- 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.
- Ensuring fair compensation for physicians who provide out-of-network care.
- Guaranteeing clear standards are in law for what can be advertised as “board certification.”

HIGH 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.
- Ensuring that patients are notified of the possibility of receiving out-of-network care, including all potential financial responsibilities in excess of their in-network cost-sharing amounts.

OTHER PRIORITIES

- Opposing attempts to criminalize gender affirmation.
- Supporting sustained or increased gender affirmation surgical coverage.
- Working with patients and policymakers to develop and advance breast implant informed consent requirements that meet the standards of ASPS's informed consent resources, and work to advance them when they do.