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2021 Federal 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 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.

HIGH PRIORITIES

- Protecting the safety of plastic surgery patients by advancing policies that prevent non-surgeons from performing complex surgical procedures.
- Increasing patient access to plastic surgery services by advancing policies that reduce regulatory and administrative burdens that create barriers to patient care.
- Advocating for policies that increase the cap on Medicare-funded graduate medical education (GME) positions for specialists.
- Ensuring practitioners cannot advertise in a false or misleading way.

OTHER PRIORITIES

- Ensuring patients with congenital anomalies have insurance coverage for all necessary procedures.
- Supporting policies that allow physicians to engage in collective bargaining.
- Promoting policies that require peer-to-peer consultation in insurance coverage policy adjudication.
- Urging Congress to require that electronic medical records and clinical data registries be interoperable.
- Increasing patient access to plastic surgery services by advancing policies that raise awareness of the scope of plastic surgery.
- Protecting the safety of plastic surgery patients by advancing policies that support and enhance ASPS/PSF Registry and Research Initiative, such as the ASPS QCDR, FRANCHISE, GRAFT, NBIR, PROFILE, and TOPS.