

## AMA in the News: March 2021

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### **AMA calls for practices to play greater part in COVID-19 vaccinations**

*Medical Economics*, March 31, 2021

The president of the American Medical Association (AMA) is speaking up about the role physician offices should be playing in the push to vaccinate the public against COVID-19.

### **How to stay safe from COVID this summer, according to experts**

*PBS Newshour*, March 29, 2021

“It’s important to continue to be very vigilant, to wear masks, physically distance, wash your hands and get your vaccine when it’s your turn,” said Susan Bailey, MD, president of the American Medical Association. “I think we’re much better off than where we were, but we are not out of the woods yet.”

### **Malpractice premiums peak in 2020, AMA survey shows**

*Modern Healthcare*, March 29, 2021

The American Medical Association said that the upward trend in premiums couldn't come at a worse time for physicians. Providers have had to pay more for supplies while practice revenue has still not fully recovered to pre-pandemic levels, AMA President Susan Bailey, MD, said. (Publication subscription is required for full or unlimited access.)

## **5 ways to make the vaccine rollout more equitable**

*National Public Radio*, March 25, 2021

Op-ed co-authored by AMA Chief Health Equity Officer Aletha Maybank, MD, MPH.

## **Public health organizations denounce anti-Asian violence**

*Verywell Health*, March 24, 2021

Early in the pandemic, “xenophobic language around the virus threatened to further fuel discrimination and hate crimes against Asian Americans, which were already a significant concern due to longstanding interpersonal and structural racism,” American Medical Association (AMA) president Susan Bailey, MD, said in a statement following the attacks. In December, the AMA declared racism a public health threat, and the organization determined gun violence is a public health threat in 2016.

## **NC Attorney General urges FDA to ban menthol cigarettes**

*VapingPost*, March 24, 2021

Action on Smoking & Health (ASH) and the African American Tobacco Control Leadership Council have in recent months joined forces in suing the FDA for failing to regulate menthol cigarettes, despite being urged by Congress to do so. On Sept. 3, the American Medical Association (AMA) joined the suit as a co-plaintiff. “The world is moving in this direction, against menthol” said Kelsey Romeo-Stuppy, managing attorney at ASH.

## **AHA, AMA call for halt to pending Medicare spending cuts**

*HealthLeaders Media*, March 24, 2021

Congress should prevent planned Medicare spending reductions triggered by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, the American Medical Association (AMA) said in a March 17 statement.

## **Congress should address Medicare problems due to pandemic STAT**

*The Washington Times*, March 23, 2021

Op-ed by AMA President Susan R. Bailey, MD.

## **'Enough, Is Enough': Medical groups decry gun violence as public health crisis**

*BreakingMED*, March 23, 2021

On March 23, the American Medical Association released this statement from President Susan R. Bailey, MD:

"Gun violence is a public health crisis in the United States. It is a problem that we, thus far, are unwilling to take the steps necessary to solve and save lives. The sad result is nearly 40,000 Americans died a gun-related death in 2019, including nearly 24,000 by suicide. Americans no longer wonder if and how gun violence can happen in their communities; they wonder when it will happen. Physicians across the country spent the past year very visibly treating COVID patients, but we also spent the past year treating gun violence victims—victims of domestic partner violence, suicides, and men, women, and children simply in the wrong place at the wrong time."

"Enough is enough. The AMA strongly supports banning the sale and ownership of all assault-style weapons and high-capacity magazines. And we strongly urge the Senate to take up and pass the Bipartisan Background Checks Act of 2021. We must not let past failure to act stop us from trying. The time for positive change—action to prevent future acts of gun violence—is now."

## **Congress must prevent cuts to Medicare**

*The Hill*, March 22, 2021

Column by AMA President Susan R. Bailey, MD, on need to end Medicare sequester.

## **Women leadership in medicine with Dr. Susan Bailey and Dr. Margaret Ferguson**

*Permanente Medicine Podcast*, March 19, 2021

In this episode, host Chris Grant chats remotely with Susan Bailey, MD, and Margaret Ferguson, MD, MBA, to discuss their leadership path and advancing women in health care.

## **AMA, APHA reiterate calls to end racism as public health crisis**

*PatientEngagementHIT*, March 18, 2021

“As we saw again in this case, gun violence is a public health crisis in our country, killing more than 30,000 Americans each year,” Susan R. Bailey, MD, AMA president, said in a statement. “The AMA supports common-sense reforms, broadly supported by the American public—including the Bipartisan Background Checks Act of 2021 that was recently passed by the House—to prevent further injuries and deaths.”

## **COVID-19: 2020—The Year That Was**

*BreakingMED*, March 12, 2021

In this podcast, we took a look back at the year and sat down with AMA President Susan Bailey, MD, for her perspective on the pandemic, and the year that was.

## **Johnson & Johnson's Talc lawsuits are fueling skepticism of its COVID vaccine**

*Newsweek*, March 9, 2021

Susan R. Bailey, MD, president of the American Medical Association, told *Newsweek*: “Each of the authorized COVID-19 vaccines has undergone rigorous, transparent development, testing and authorization and all three vaccines are highly effective at preventing hospitalization and death from COVID-19. (Publication subscription is required for full or unlimited access.)

## **AMA: Medicare sequester threatens physician practice viability**

*RevCycleIntelligence*, March 8, 2021

Congress should extend the Medicare sequester moratorium and prevent the triggering of additional cuts from the final passage of the American Rescue Plan Act, AMA said.

## **AMA analysis shows pandemic Medicare spending changes**

*Medical Economics*, March 3, 2021

“The economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic has placed significant financial stress on medical practices as expenses have spiked and revenues have dropped,” AMA President Susan R. Bailey, MD, says in the release. “For practices that have struggled to remain viable as the pandemic stretches on, many will face a difficult and precarious road to recovery. The AMA report adds new insight on the economic impact of the pandemic that has threatened the viability of physicians who participate in Medicare.”

## **Doctors' tips about the COVID-19 vaccine**

*StatePoint*, March 3, 2021

“Vaccinations are safe, effective, prevent illness and save lives. They offer an incredible opportunity for us to help defeat COVID-19 and regain normalcy,” says American Medical Association (AMA) president, Susan R. Bailey, MD.

## **AMA, ANA call for improved efforts to collect race, ethnicity data on COVID-19 vaccinations**

*Fierce Healthcare*, March 2, 2021

In an open letter, the American Medical Association (AMA), the American Nurses Association (ANA) and the American Pharmacists Association (APA) noted that improved data collection is critical to ensure access to vaccines in vulnerable populations and improving vaccine confidence.

## **National push aims to arm public with COVID-19 vaccine information**

*CBS 4*, March 1, 2021

“We need this educational campaign to help everybody understand that no corners were cut during the production of the vaccine,” says Susan Bailey, MD, president of the American Medical Association. She says the initiative is one of the largest public education efforts in U.S. history. It has medical groups, more than 300 brands, media

companies including ViacomCBS, community-based organizations and faith leaders supporting the cause.

## **‘It’s Up To You’: New national campaign working to make more people confident about receiving COVID vaccine**

*CBS Miami*, March 1, 2021

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