2020 State Legislative Preview

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The AMA Advocacy Resource Center conducts an annual survey of state and national specialty medical societies to identify trends for the upcoming state legislative sessions.

### Top Priorities by Total Respondents, State Association Respondents and Specialty Association Respondents

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<td>Pharmaceutical issues</td>
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<td>Digital health (e.g. Telemedicine, Augmented Intelligence)</td>
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<td>Medical licensure issues</td>
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<td>Business of medicine</td>
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<td>47%</td>
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<td>Data/EHR issues at the state level</td>
<td>32%</td>
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<td>Other</td>
<td>21%</td>
<td>18%</td>
<td>30%</td>
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<td>Antitrust or health insurance competition</td>
<td>18%</td>
<td>24%</td>
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Q9 Which of the following legislative or regulatory issues does your association expect to work on in 2020? Select all that apply.
Antitrust or Health Insurance Competition
 Among those planning to work on antitrust or health insurance, regulatory burdens on independent practices will be a priority for 10 of the 13 respondents.

### ANTITRUST/HEALTH INSURANCE COMPETITION ISSUES

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<td>Education about collective negotiations</td>
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<td>Hospitals pressuring independent practice</td>
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<td>Insurance department merger review process</td>
<td>3</td>
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<td>Licensing board defense and indemnification</td>
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<td>Oppose health insurance mergers</td>
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<td>Oppose hospital mergers</td>
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<tr>
<td>Regulatory burdens on independent practices</td>
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<tr>
<td>State action antitrust immunity for licensing boards</td>
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<td>Other (please specify)</td>
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Q10 Which of the following antitrust or health insurance issues does your association expect to work on in 2020? Select all that apply.
Business of Medicine
Among those planning to work on business of medicine issues, 12 of the 30 expect to see activity related to the corporate practice of medicine.

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<th>BUSINESS OF MEDICINE ISSUES</th>
<th>State (n=24)</th>
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<td>Certificate of need</td>
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<td>7</td>
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<tr>
<td>Corporate practice of medicine</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>2</td>
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<td>Fraud and abuse</td>
<td>6</td>
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<td>Office-based surgery</td>
<td>4</td>
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<td>Free-standing emergency centers</td>
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<td>Specialty hospitals</td>
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<td>Physician taxes</td>
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Q11 Which of the following business of medicine issues does your association expect to work on in 2020? Select all that apply.
Most of those planning to work on the corporate practice of medicine say they will either “strongly oppose and plan to actively engage” or “monitor” the issue.

Q12 What type of work does your association plan to undertake on the following business of medicine issues in 2020?
Among those planning to work on fraud and abuse, 5 of the 8 respondents plan to focus on self referral, fee-splitting, and anti-kickback laws.

Q13 Which of the following fraud and abuse issues does your association expect to work on in 2020? Select all that apply.

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<th>Fraud and Abuse Issues</th>
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<td>False Claims Act</td>
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<td>Self-referral</td>
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<td>Fee-splitting</td>
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<td>Anti-kickback</td>
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Total (n=8)
Those planning to work on self-referral, fee-splitting and anti-kick-back will mainly “strongly support and plan to actively engage” or “monitor.”

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Q14 What type of work does your association plan to undertake on the following fraud and abuse issues in 2020?
Data/EHR issues at the state level
Among those planning to work on data/EHR issues, for 17 of the 23 respondents, the priority issue in 2020 will be interoperability of EHRs.

Q15 Which of the following data/EHR issues at the state level does your association expect to work on in 2020? Select all that apply.  

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<td>Interoperability of EHRs</td>
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<td>All payer claims database</td>
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<td>Other (please specify)</td>
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Digital Health
Almost all respondents who plan to work on digital health issues will focus on telemedicine (30 of 31 respondents).

Q16 Which of the following digital health issues does your association expect to work on in 2020? Select all that apply.
Reimbursement will be a priority for 24 of the 30 respondents planning to address telemedicine.

Q17 Which of the following telemedicine issues does your association expect to work on in 2020? Select all that apply.
Medicaid
Twenty-eight (28) of the 47 respondents planning to address Medicaid issues anticipate working on physician reimbursement.

Q18 Which of the following Medicaid issues does your association expect to work on in 2020? Select all that apply.
Most of those planning to address physician reimbursement will “strongly support and plan to actively engage.”

Q19 What type of work does your association plan to undertake on the following Medicaid issues in 2020?

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<td>Mandatory physician participation</td>
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Medical Liability Reform
Among those planning to work on medical liability reform, 17 of the 24 will focus on caps on damages.

Q20 Which of the following medical liability reform issues does your association expect to work on in 2020? Select all that apply.

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<td>Certificate of merit</td>
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<td>Collateral source reform</td>
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<td>Defensive legislative efforts</td>
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<td>Early disclosure and compensation programs</td>
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<td>Expert witness reform</td>
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<td>&quot;No fault&quot; patient compensation systems</td>
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<td>Phantom damages</td>
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Most of those planning to undertake caps on damages will either “strongly support and plan to actively engage” or “support, but plan to let other organizations take the lead.”

Q21 What type of work does your association plan to undertake on the following medical liability reform issues in 2020?

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<td>Caps on damages</td>
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About half (9) of those planning to work on caps on damages do not know if they anticipate a judicial challenge, but slightly more than half (10) do anticipate a legislative challenge.

Q22 Do you anticipate a judicial challenge to your cap on damages?  Q23 - Do you anticipate a legislative challenge to your cap on damages?
Medical Licensure Issues
Among respondents planning to work on medical licensure, 14 of the 31 expect activity related to the interstate medical licensure compact.

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<td>11</td>
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<td>Active state supervision of medical boards</td>
<td>9</td>
<td>1</td>
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<tr>
<td>Interstate Medical Licensure Compact</td>
<td>14</td>
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Q24 Which of the following medical licensure issues does your association expect to work on in 2020? Select all that apply.
Most of those planning to work on the interstate medical licensure compact will “strongly support and plan to actively engage.”

Q25 What type of work does your association plan to undertake on the following medical licensure issues in 2020?

**Type of Work**

- **Interstate Medical Licensure Compact**
  - Strongly support and plan to actively engage: 8
  - Support, but plan to let other organizations take the lead: 2
  - Strongly oppose and plan to actively engage: 1
  - Oppose, but plan to let other organization take the lead: 1
  - Monitor: 2

- **Active state supervision of medical boards**
  - Strongly support and plan to actively engage: 1
  - Support, but plan to let other organizations take the lead: 2
  - Strongly oppose and plan to actively engage: 0
  - Oppose, but plan to let other organization take the lead: 1
  - Monitor: 6

- **Physician competency**
  - Strongly support and plan to actively engage: 3
  - Support, but plan to let other organizations take the lead: 2
  - Strongly oppose and plan to actively engage: 1
  - Oppose, but plan to let other organization take the lead: 0
  - Monitor: 6
For those planning to work on the interstate medical licensure compact, 6 of the 14 say their association is considering adoption of the IMLC.

**Q26 Is your state considering adoption of the IMLC?**

- **Yes**: 6
- **No**: 2
- **N/A, already a member of the IMLC**: 3
- **Don't know**: 3

Total (n=14)
Opioid and Drug Overdose Epidemic Issues
Among those planning to work on opioid and drug overdose epidemic issues in 2020, 33 of the 48 anticipate activity related to access to medication-assisted treatment, while 29 of the 48 anticipate activity related to prescription drug monitoring programs.

Q27 Which of the following opioid and drug overdose epidemic issues does your association expect to work on in 2020? Select all that apply.
Most of those planning to work on opioid prescribing restrictions say they will focus on preventing new or additional restrictions (21 of 25 respondents).

Q28 Which of the following opioid prescribing restrictions does your association expect to work on in 2020? Select all that apply.
At least one-third of those planning to work on prescription drug monitoring programs will focus on access by additional third parties (11 of 29 respondents) and preventing new mandates (10 of 29 respondents).

Q29 Which of the following prescription drug monitoring programs does your association expect to work on in 2020? Select all that apply.
For those planning to work on medication-assisted treatment issues, the priority for 25 of the 33 respondents will be removing prior authorization by commercial payers and/or Medicaid.

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<th>MEDICATION-ASSISTED TREATMENT ISSUES</th>
<th>State (n=28)</th>
<th>Specialty (n=5)</th>
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<td>Removing prior authorization by commercial payers and/or Medicaid</td>
<td>21</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>25</td>
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<td>Access in correctional settings</td>
<td>10</td>
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<td>Requiring MAT on the lowest cost-sharing tier</td>
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<td>Other</td>
<td>7</td>
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Q30 Which of the following access to medication-assisted treatment issues does your association expect to work on in 2020? Select all that apply.
Among those planning to work on harm reduction policies, the focus will be on needle and syringe exchange programs and expanding access to naloxone (for 6 of the 12 respondents).

Q31 Which of the following harm reduction policies does your association expect to work on in 2020? Select all that apply.
For those planning to work on mental health and substance use disorder parity issues, 16 of the 25 respondents will focus on increased oversight and enforcement.

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<td>Increased oversight and enforcement</td>
<td>16</td>
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<td>Requiring enhanced attestation</td>
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<td>Requiring professional medical guidelines for medical necessity</td>
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<td>Other</td>
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Q32 Which of the following mental health and substance use disorder parity issues does your association expect to work on in 2020? Select all that apply.
Pharmaceutical Issues
Thirty-two (32) of the 42 respondents who plan to work on pharmaceutical issues anticipate activity related to drug cost and price transparency.

Q33 Which of the following pharmaceutical issues does your association expect to work on in 2020? Select all that apply.
The majority of respondents who plan to work on physician workforce issues anticipate activity related to resident retention plans (38 of 48 respondents).

Q34 Which of the following physician workforce issues does your association expect to work on in 2020? Select all that apply.

- Appropriate additional GME funds
- Expand medical residency positions
- Expand medical school enrollment
- Pursue alternative models of GME funding
- Resident retention plan (e.g. loan repayment)
- Other
Among those planning to work on resident retention plans, most will either “strongly support and plan to actively engage” or “support, but plan to let other organizations take the lead.”

Q35 What type of work does your association plan to undertake on the following physician workforce issues in 2020?
Private Health Insurance Practices
Thirty-five (35) of the 46 respondents who plan to work on private health insurance issues will focus on prior authorization. Twenty-nine (29) will focus on surprise billing.

Q36 Which of the following private health insurance issues does your association expect to work on in 2020? Select all that apply.
Among those planning to work on credentialing issues, 9 of the 13 respondents will focus on delays in payer credentialing.
Among respondents who plan to work on public health issues, 40 of the 53 will focus on tobacco and e-cigarettes, and 34 will focus on vaccines.

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<th>PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUES</th>
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<td>Chronic disease and/or obesity prevention</td>
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<td>Disease-specific legislation (e.g. Lyme Disease) (please specify)</td>
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<td>Distracted driving</td>
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<td>Firearms</td>
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<td>Health disparities and/or social determinants of health (please specify)</td>
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<td>LGBTQ issues</td>
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<td>Tanning</td>
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<td>Women's reproductive health</td>
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Q38 Which of the following public health issues does your association expect to work on in 2020? Select all that apply.
Most respondents planning to work with tobacco/e-cigarettes and vaccines will either “strongly support and plan to actively engage” or “support, but let other organizations take the lead.”

Q39 What type of work does your association plan to undertake on the following public health issues in 2020?
For chronic disease and obesity prevention, 8 of the 19 respondents working in this area will focus on school nutrition and/or physical activity.
Respondents planning to work on school nutrition and/or physical activity will either “strongly support and plan to actively engage” or “support, but plan to let other organizations take the lead.”

Q41 What type of work does your association plan to undertake on the following chronic disease and/or obesity prevention issues in 2020?
For firearm issues, 9 of the 15 respondents planning to work in this area will focus on safe storage/child access prevention and state funding of research into firearm violence prevention.

Q44 Which of the following firearm issues does your association expect to work on in 2020? Select all that apply.
Most respondents planning to work on safe storage and state funding of research will “support, but plan to let other organizations take the lead.”

**Q45 What type of work does your association plan to undertake on the following firearm issues in 2020?**

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For tobacco and e-cigarette issues, 30 of the 40 respondents working in this area will focus on prohibiting the sale of flavored products.

Q48 Which of the following tobacco and e-cigarette issues does your association expect to work on in 2020? Select all that apply.
Respondents planning to work on prohibiting the sale of flavored products will either “strongly support and plan to actively engage” or “support, but plan to let other organizations take the lead.”

### Q49 What type of work does your association plan to undertake on the following tobacco and e-cigarette issues in 2020?

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For vaccine issues, 29 of the 34 respondents planning to work in this area will focus on non-medical exemptions.

Q50 Which of the following vaccine issues does your association expect to work on in 2020? Select all that apply.
Most respondents planning to work on non-medical exemptions will “strongly support and plan to actively engage.”

Q51 What type of work does your association plan to undertake on the following vaccine issues in 2020?

Non-medical exemptions

- Strongly support and plan to actively engage: 15
- Support, but plan to let other organizations take the lead: 5
- Strongly oppose and plan to actively engage: 3
- Oppose, but plan to let other organization take the lead: 6
- Monitor: 0

Other (please specify)

- Strongly support and plan to actively engage: 8
- Support, but plan to let other organizations take the lead: 0
- Strongly oppose and plan to actively engage: 2
- Oppose, but plan to let other organization take the lead: 10
- Monitor: 0
For women’s reproductive health issues, 9 of the 12 respondents planning to work in this area will focus on expanding access to reproductive care and maternal outcomes/maternal mortality.

Q52 Which of the following women’s reproductive health issues does your association expect to work on in 2020? Select all that apply.

- Expanding access to reproductive care: 9
- Maternal outcomes/maternal mortality: 9
- Restrictions on abortion: 8
- Other (please specify): 2

Total (n=12)
Most respondents who plan to focus on expanding access to reproductive care and on maternal outcomes/maternal mortality will “support, but plan to let other organizations take the lead.”

Q53 What type of work does your association plan to undertake on the following women’s reproductive health issues in 2020?

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Scope of Practice
Among the 63 respondents planning to work on scope of practice issues, 38 anticipate activity related to physician assistants, while 36 anticipate activity related to nurse practitioners.

Q54 Which of the following scope of practice issues does your association expect to work on in 2020? Select all that apply.
Most of those who plan to focus on physician assistants and nurse practitioners will “strongly oppose and plan to actively engage” or “monitor.”

### Type of Work

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Q55 What type of work does your association plan to undertake on the following scope of practice issues in 2020?
Among respondents planning to work on scope of practice with physician assistants, 19 expect activity related to removing or modifying administrative barriers.

**SCOPE OF PRACTICE ISSUES WITH PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS**

Q56 Which of the following scope of practice issues with physician assistants does your association expect to work on in 2020? Select all that apply.

- Move to collaboration
- Move to independence
- Remove or modify administrative barriers
- Other

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Most of those who plan to focus on removing or modifying administrative barriers will “strongly oppose and plan to actively engage” or “monitor.”

Q57 What type of work does your association plan to undertake on the following scope of practice issues with physician assistant in 2020?

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Seven of those who plan to work on scope of practice anticipate seeking a grant from the Scope of Practice Partnership in 2020.

Q58 Do you anticipate seeking a grant from the Scope of Practice Partnership in 2020?