



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

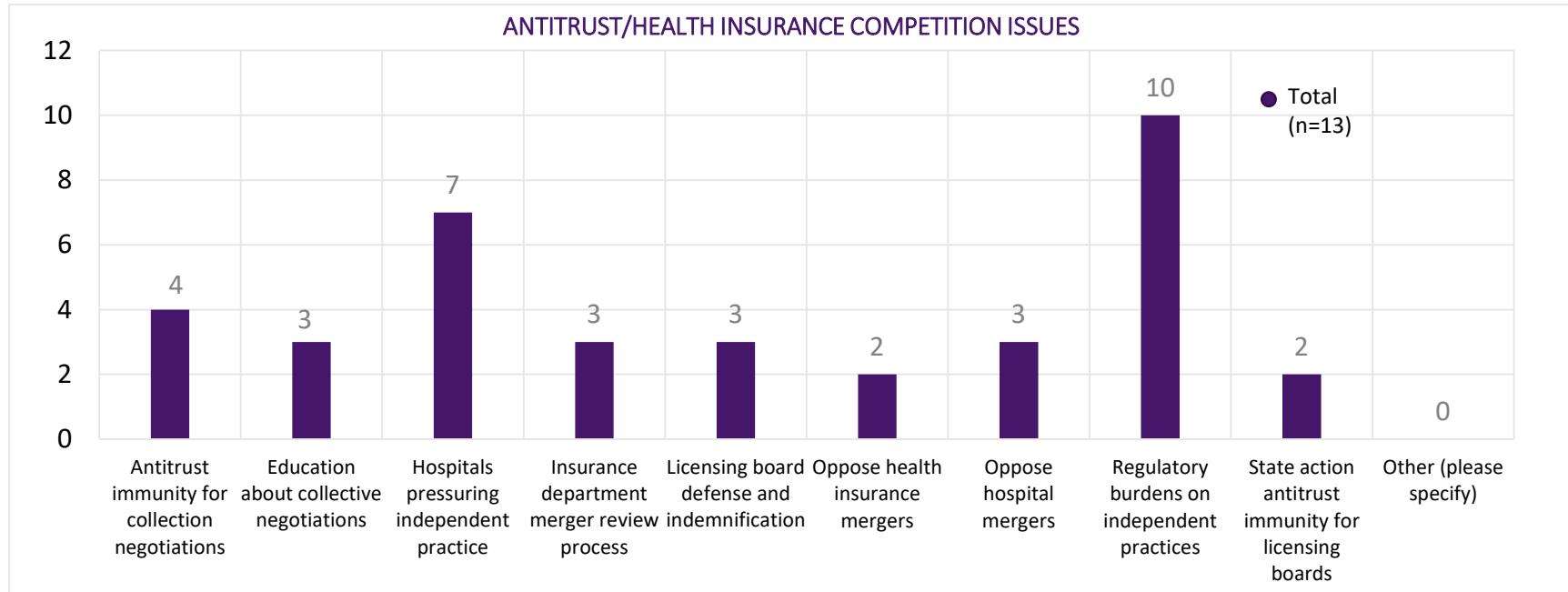
LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES	Total (n=71)	State Association (n=51)	Specialty Association (n=20)
Scope of practice	89%	90%	85%
Public health	75%	78%	65%
Opioid and drug overdose epidemic issues	68%	73%	55%
Medicaid	66%	67%	65%
Physician workforce	65%	69%	55%
Private health insurance practices	65%	65%	65%
Pharmaceutical issues	59%	65%	45%
Digital health (e.g. Telemedicine, Augmented Intelligence)	44%	49%	30%
Medical licensure issues	44%	53%	20%
Business of medicine	42%	47%	30%
Medical liability reform	34%	35%	30%
Data/EHR issues at the state level	32%	35%	25%
Other	21%	18%	30%
Antitrust or health insurance competition	18%	24%	5%

Q9 Which of the following legislative or regulatory issues does your association expect to work on in 2020? Select all that apply.

A photograph of the U.S. Capitol dome at night, with the American flag flying prominently in the foreground. The dome is illuminated, and the sky is dark with some clouds.

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.

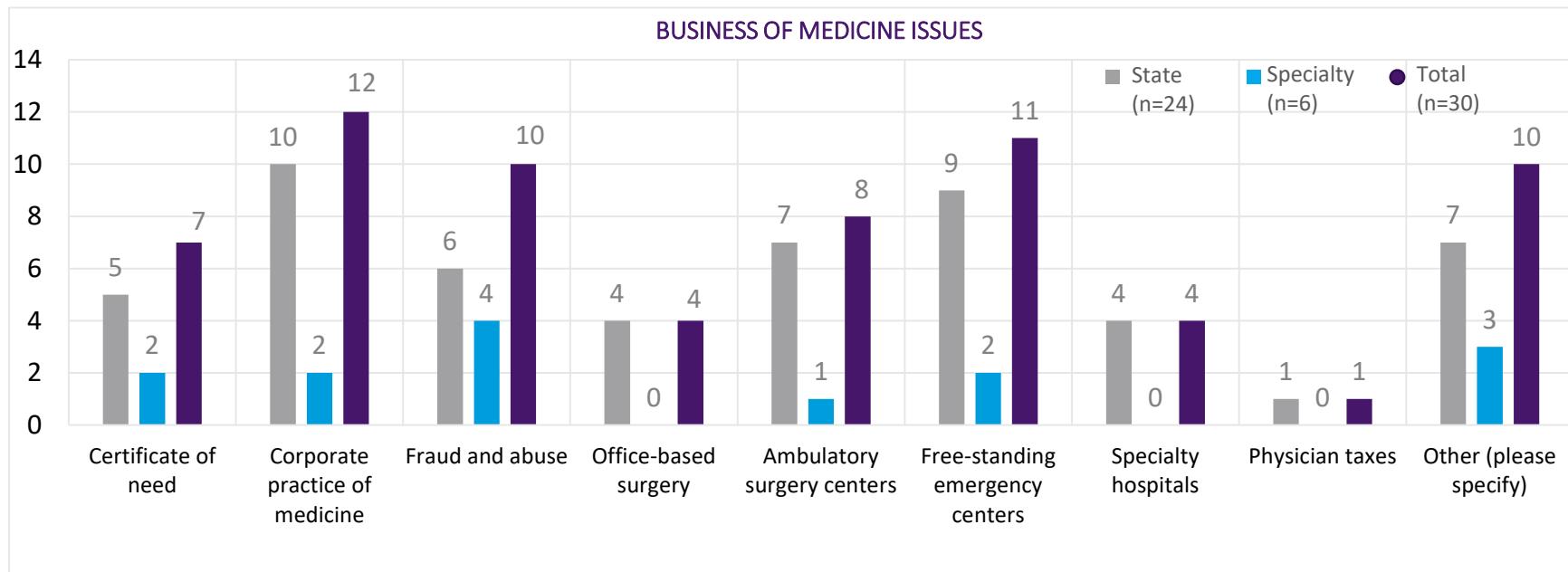


Q10 Which of the following antitrust or health insurance issues does your association expect to work on in 2020? Select all that apply.



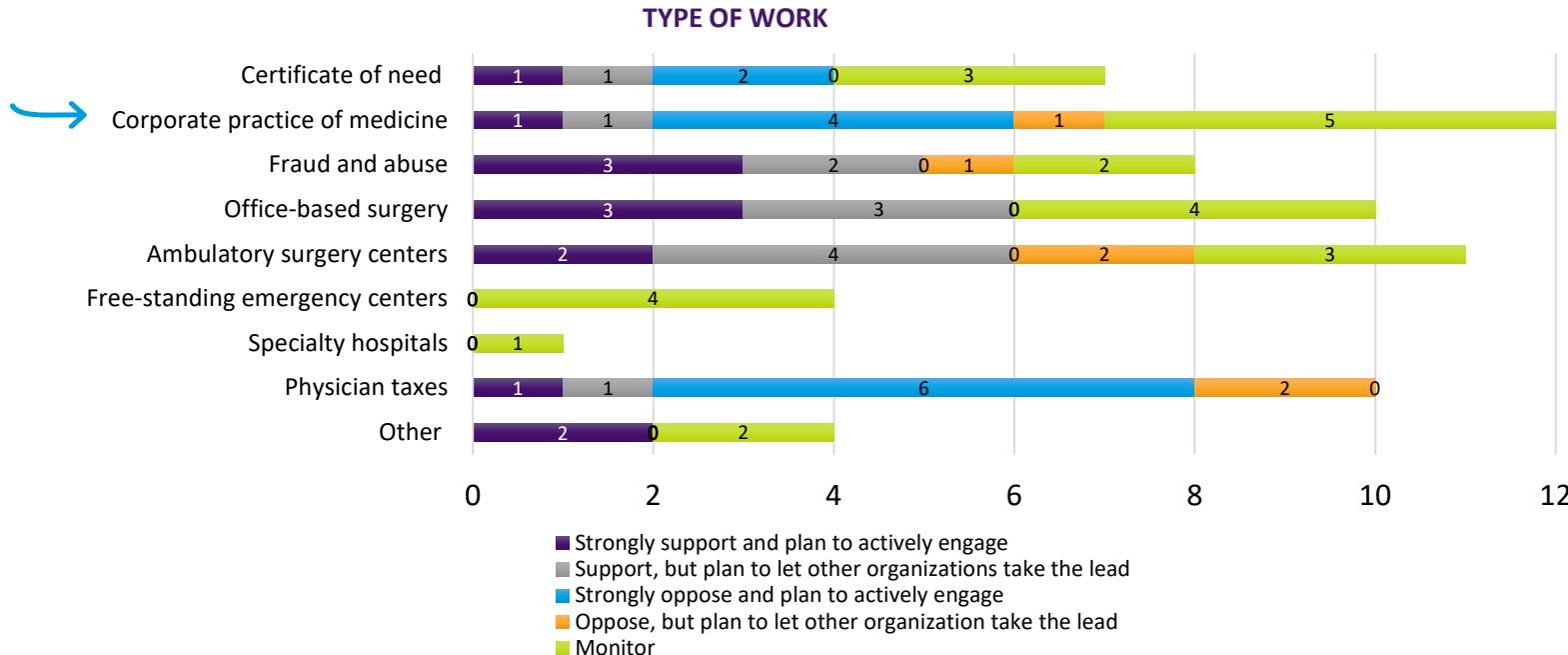
Business of Medicine

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.



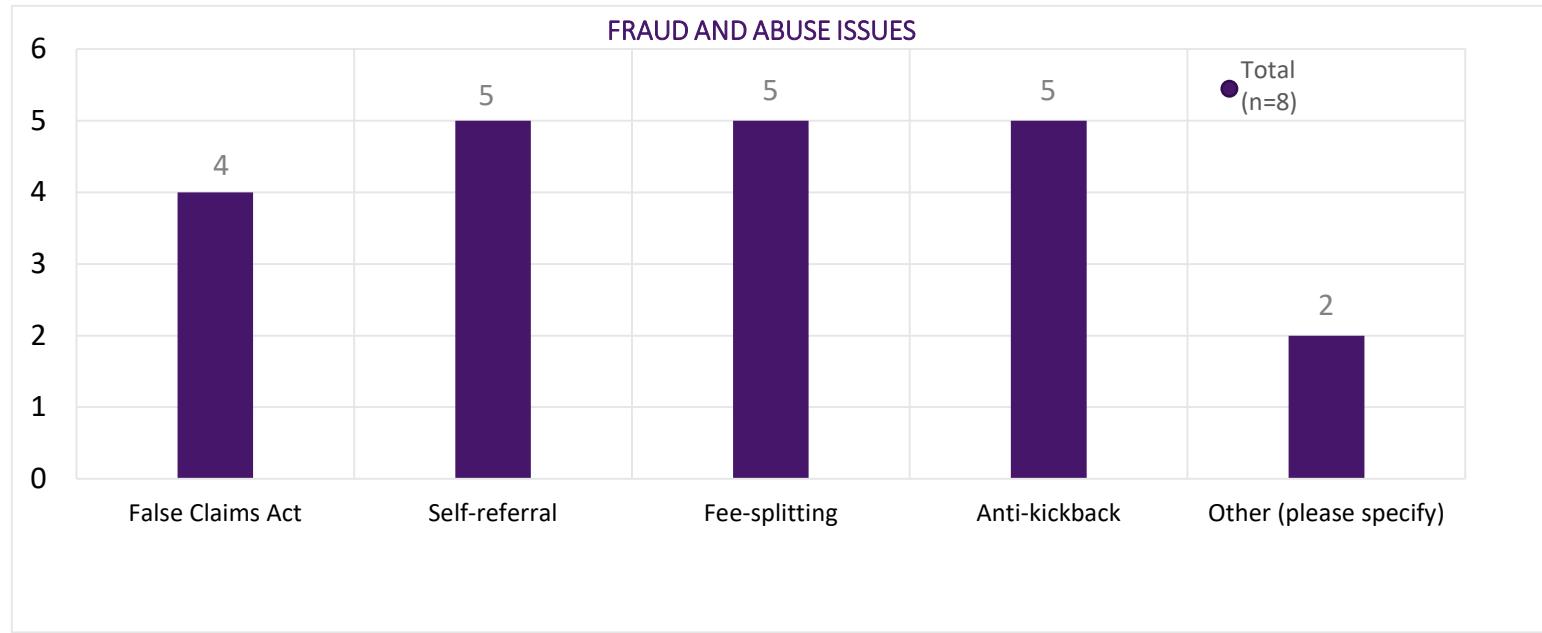
Q11 Which of the following business of medicine issues does your association expect to work on in 2020? Select all that apply.

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.



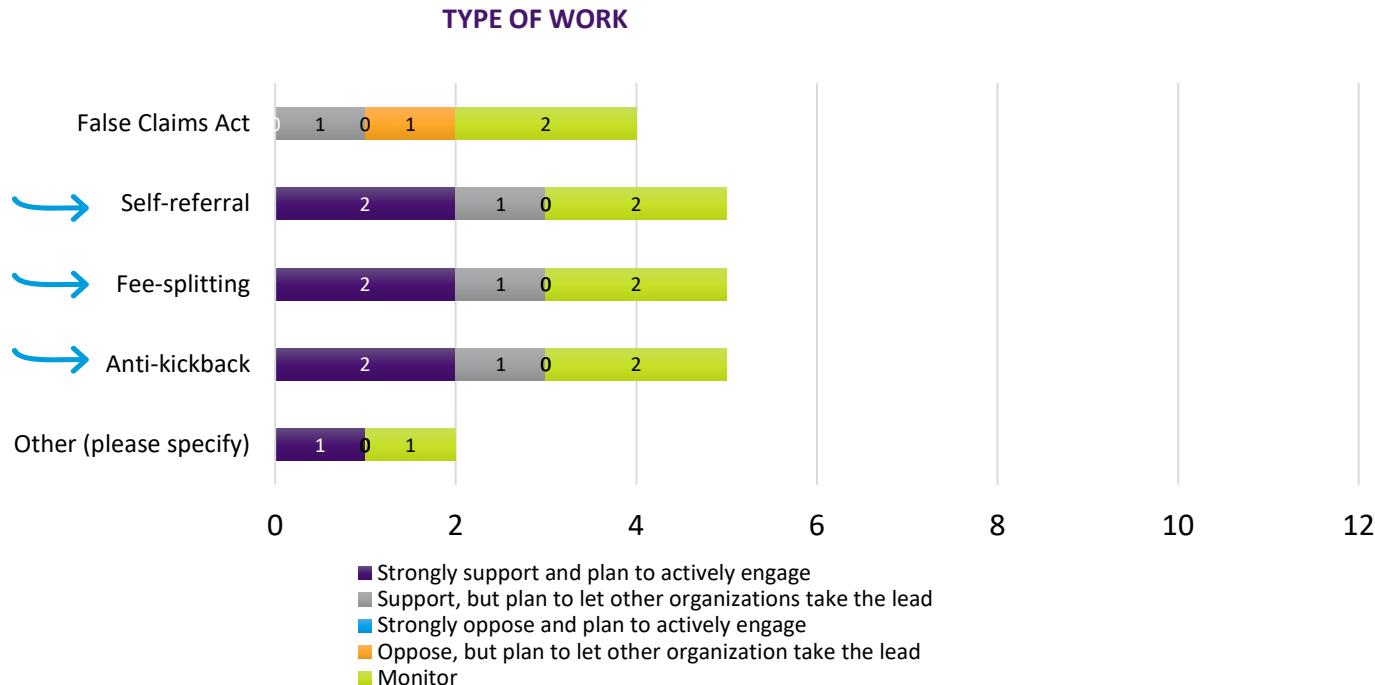
Q12 What type of work does your association plan to undertake on the following business of medicine issues in 2020?

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.

Those planning to work on self-referral, fee-splitting and anti-kick-back will mainly “strongly support and plan to actively engage” or “monitor.”

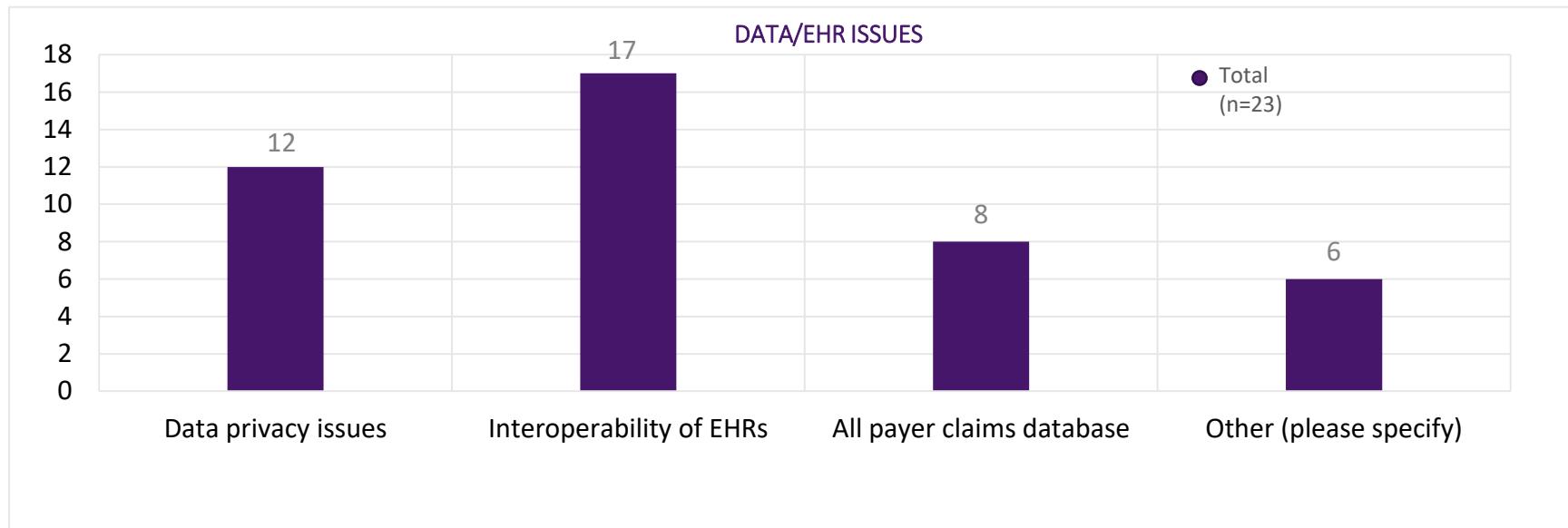


Q14 What type of work does your association plan to undertake on the following fraud and abuse issues in 2020?



Data/EHR issues at the state level

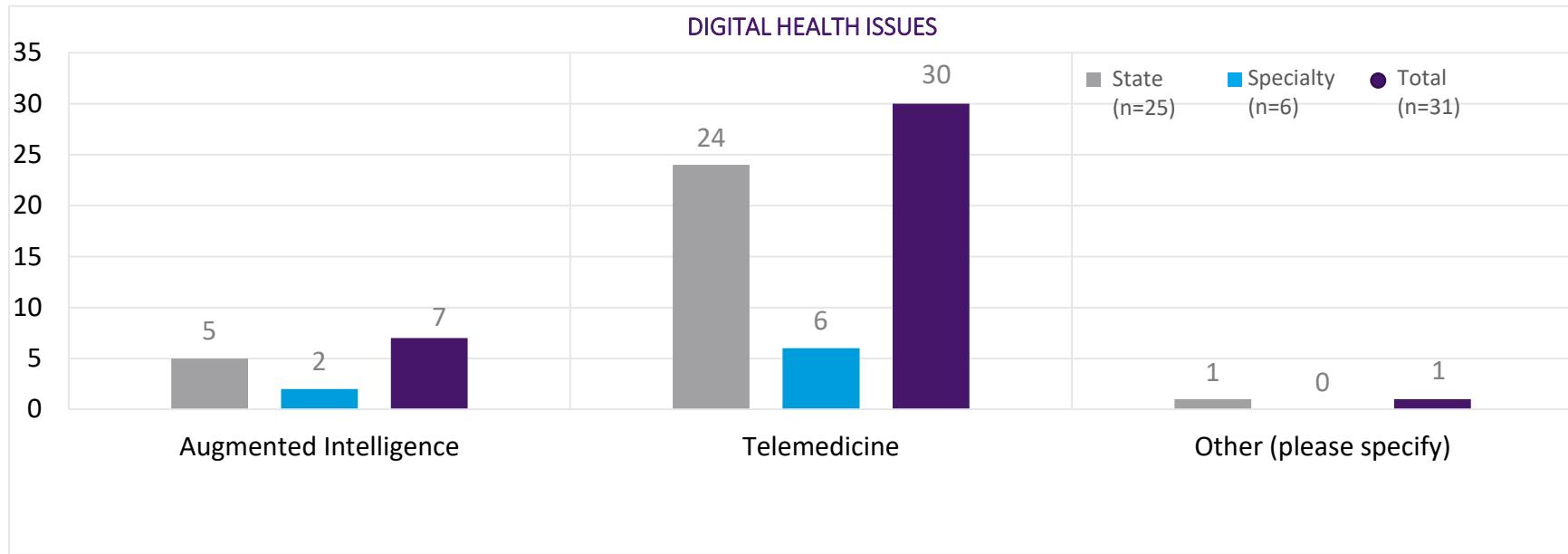
Among those planning to work on data/EHR issues, for 17 of the 23 respondents, the priority issue in 2020 will be interoperability of EHRs.



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.

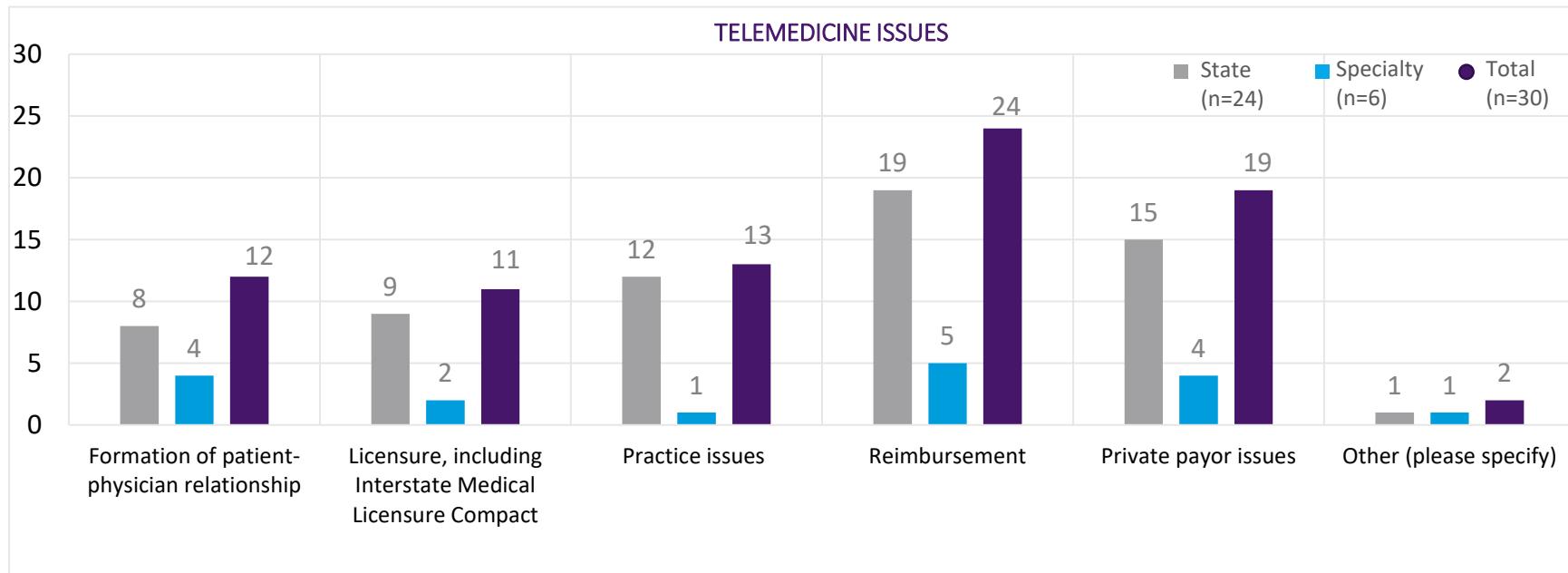
Digital Health

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.

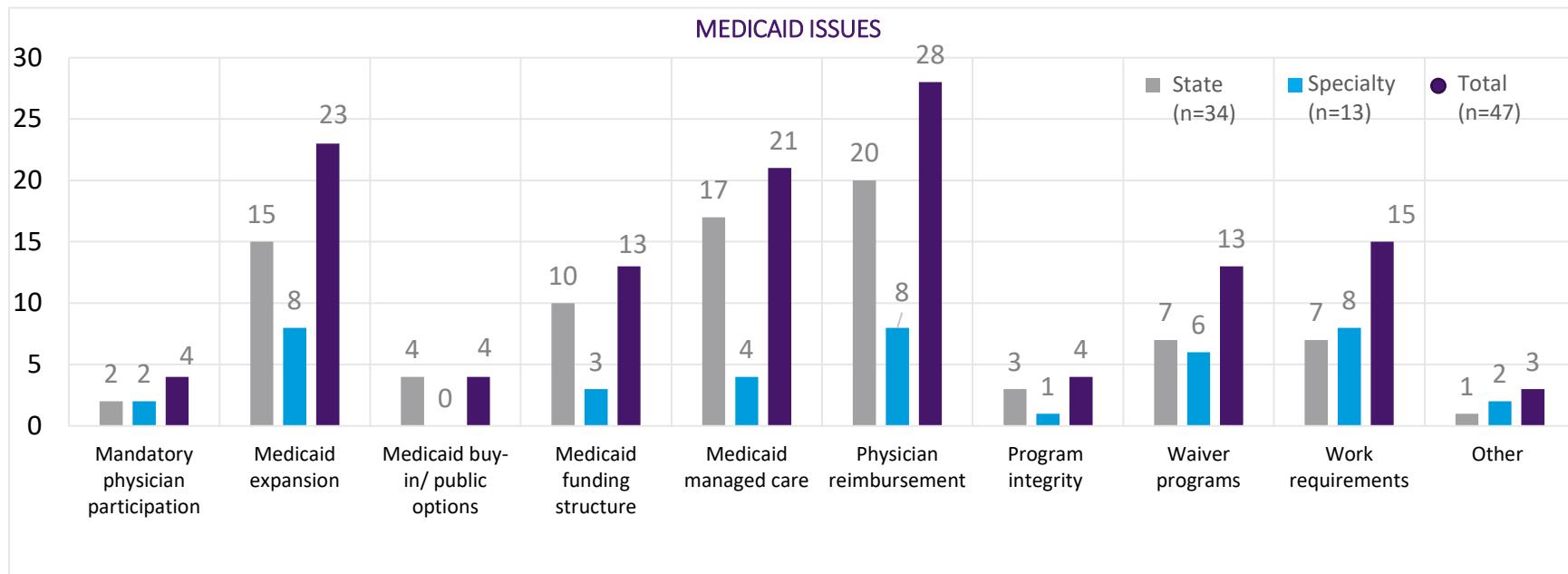


Q17 Which of the following telemedicine issues does your association expect to work on in 2020? Select all that apply.



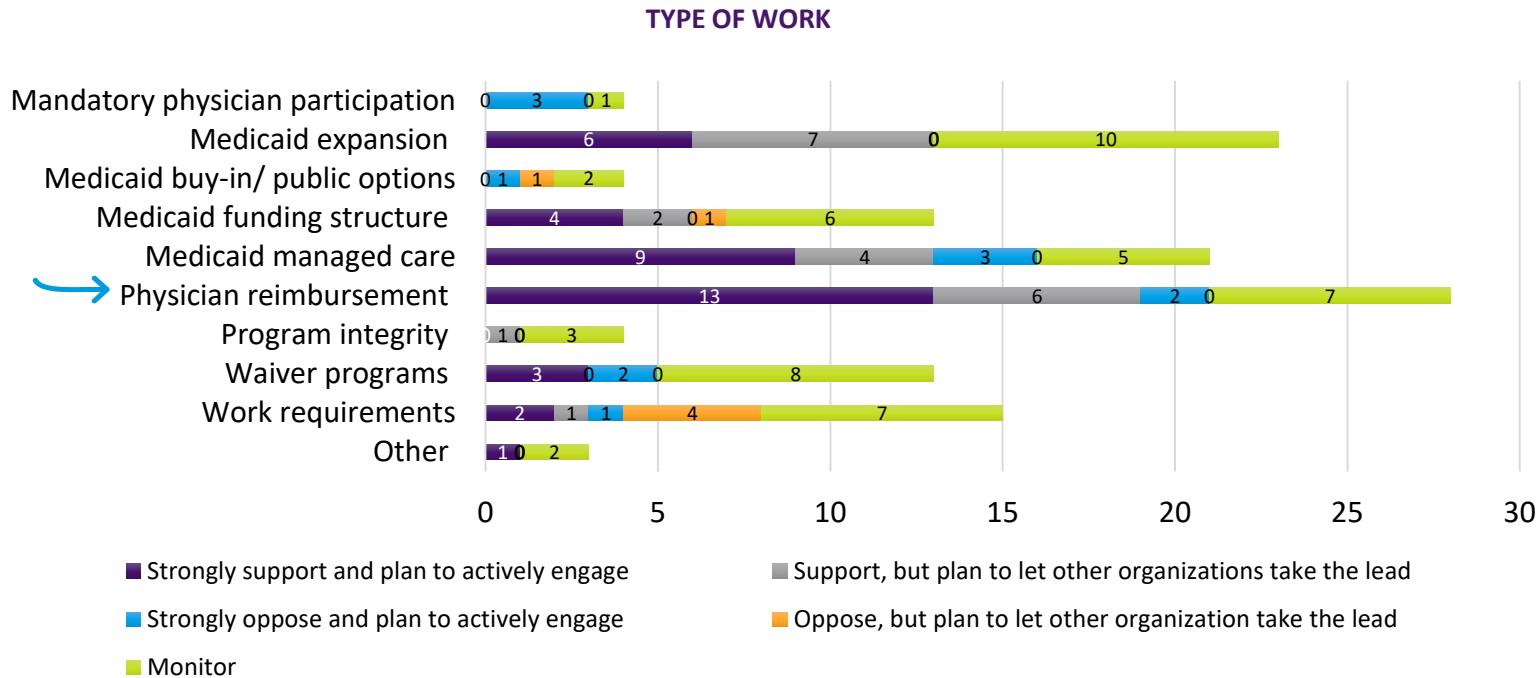
Medicaid

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.”

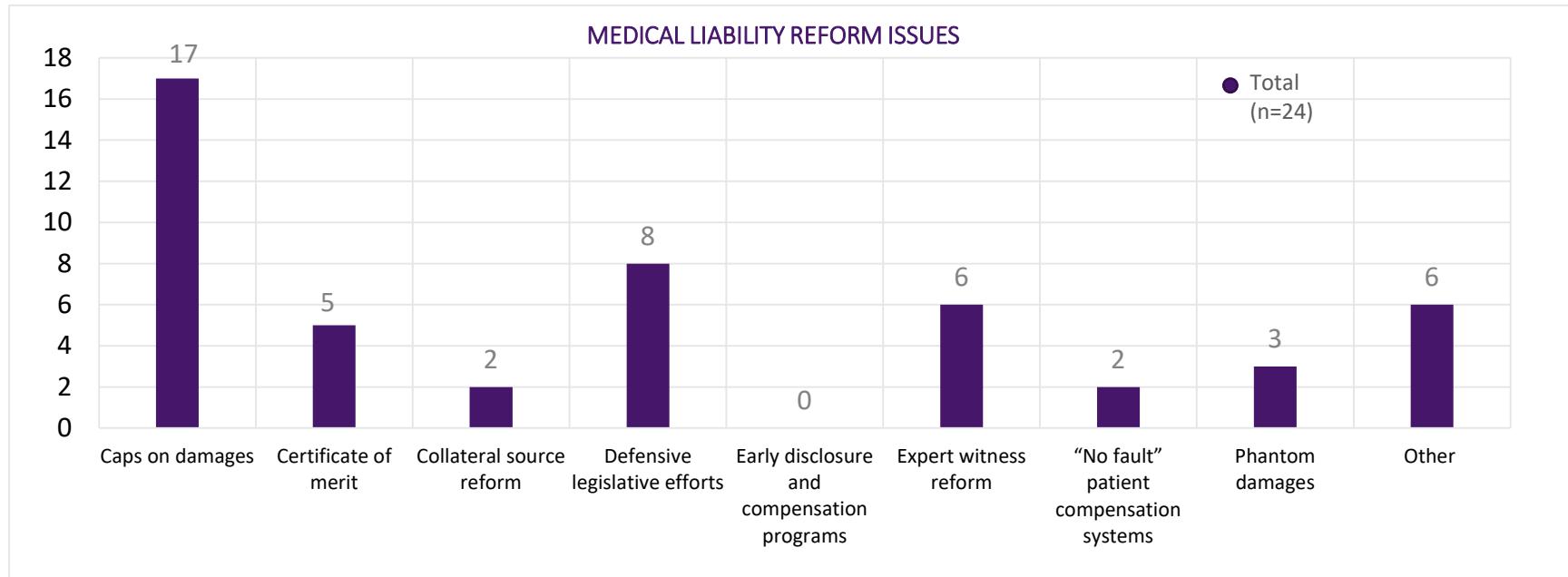


Q19 What type of work does your association plan to undertake on the following Medicaid issues in 2020?

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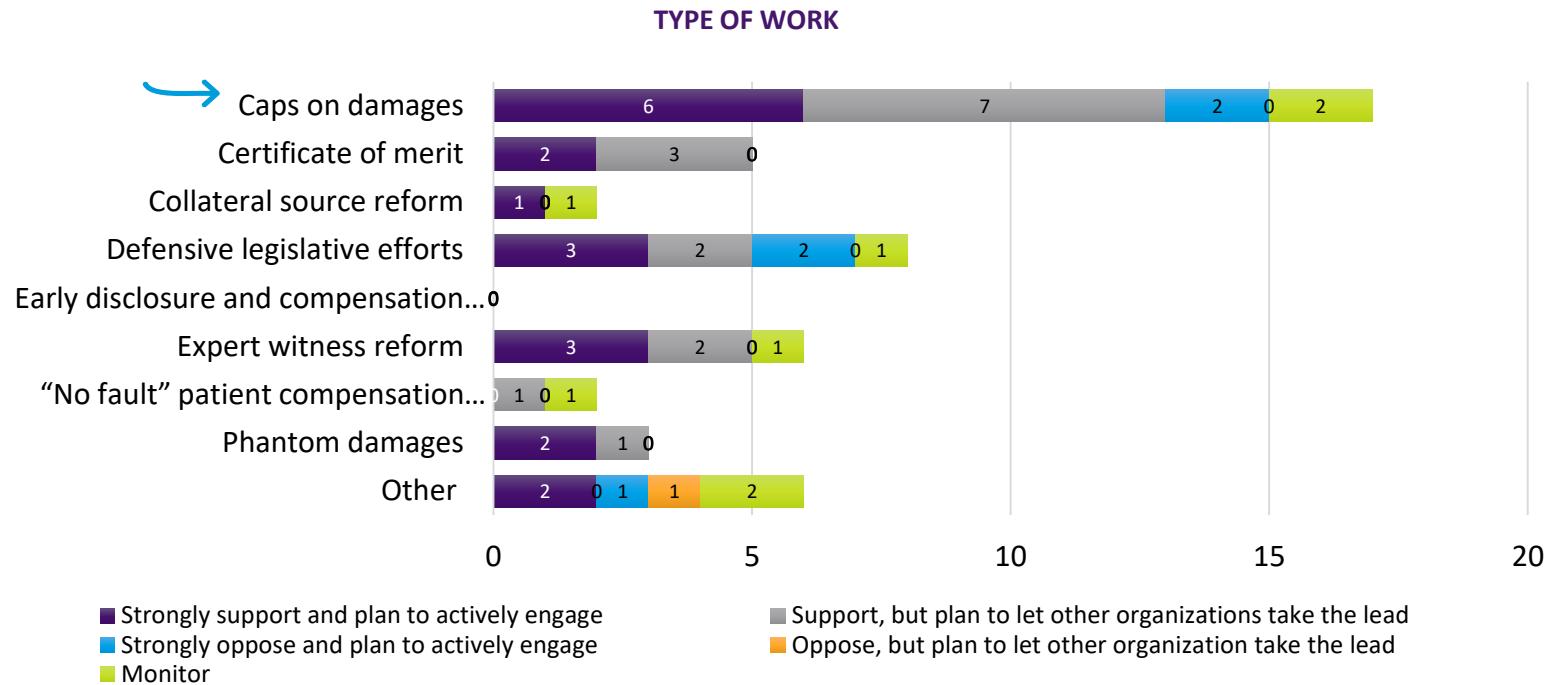
Medical Liability Reform

Among those planning to work on medical liability reform, 17 of the 24 will focus on caps on damages.



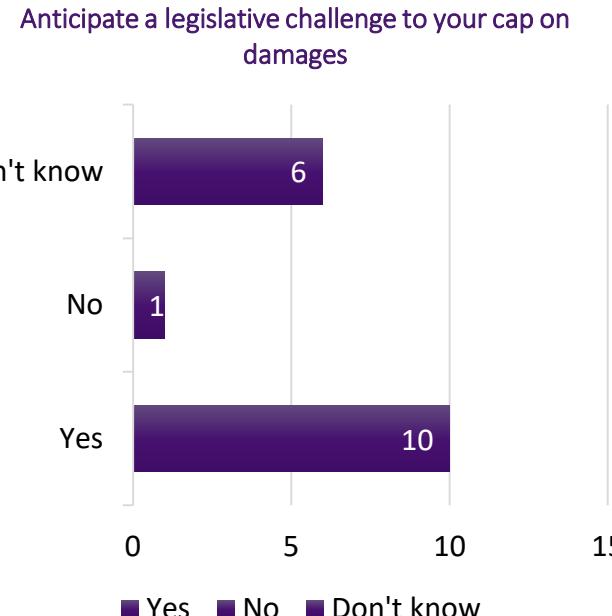
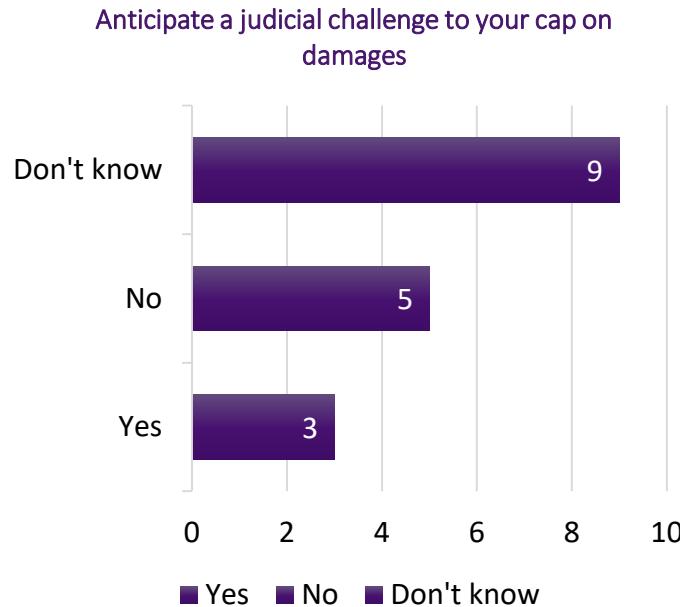
Q20 Which of the following medical liability reform issues does your association expect to work on in 2020? Select all that apply.

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?

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.

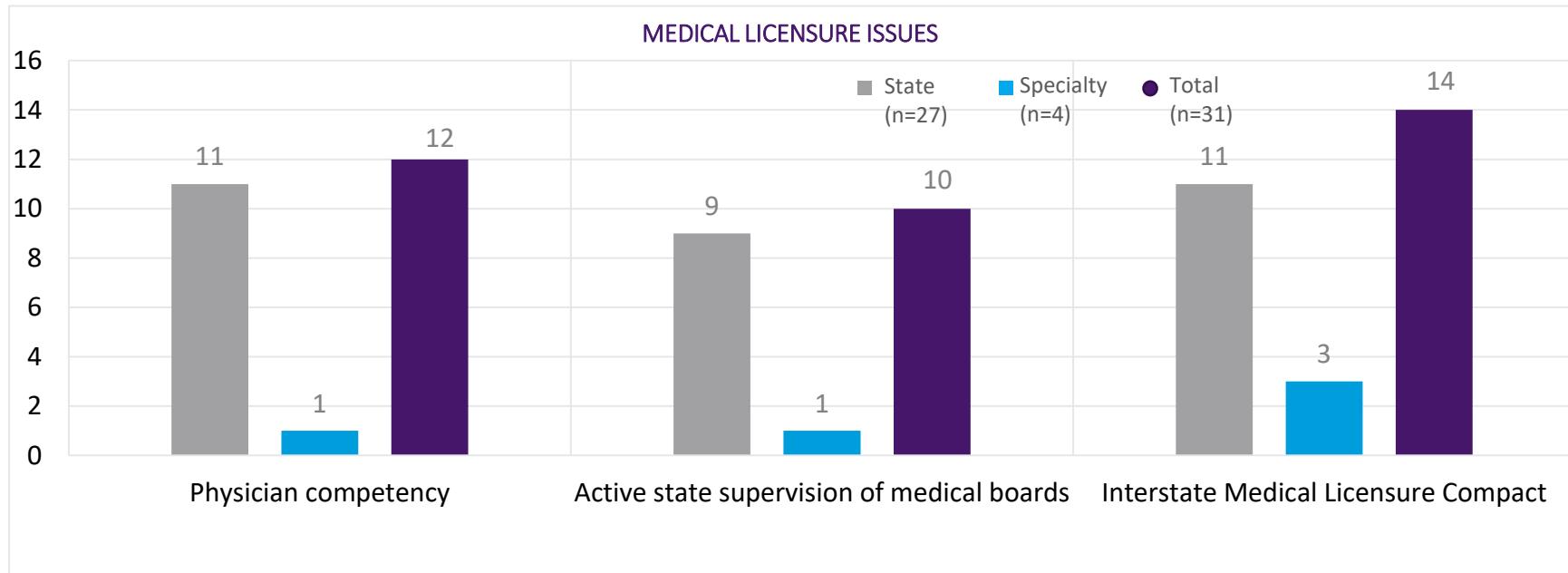


Q22 Do you anticipate a judicial challenge to your cap on damages? Q23 - Do you anticipate a legislative challenge to your cap on damages?



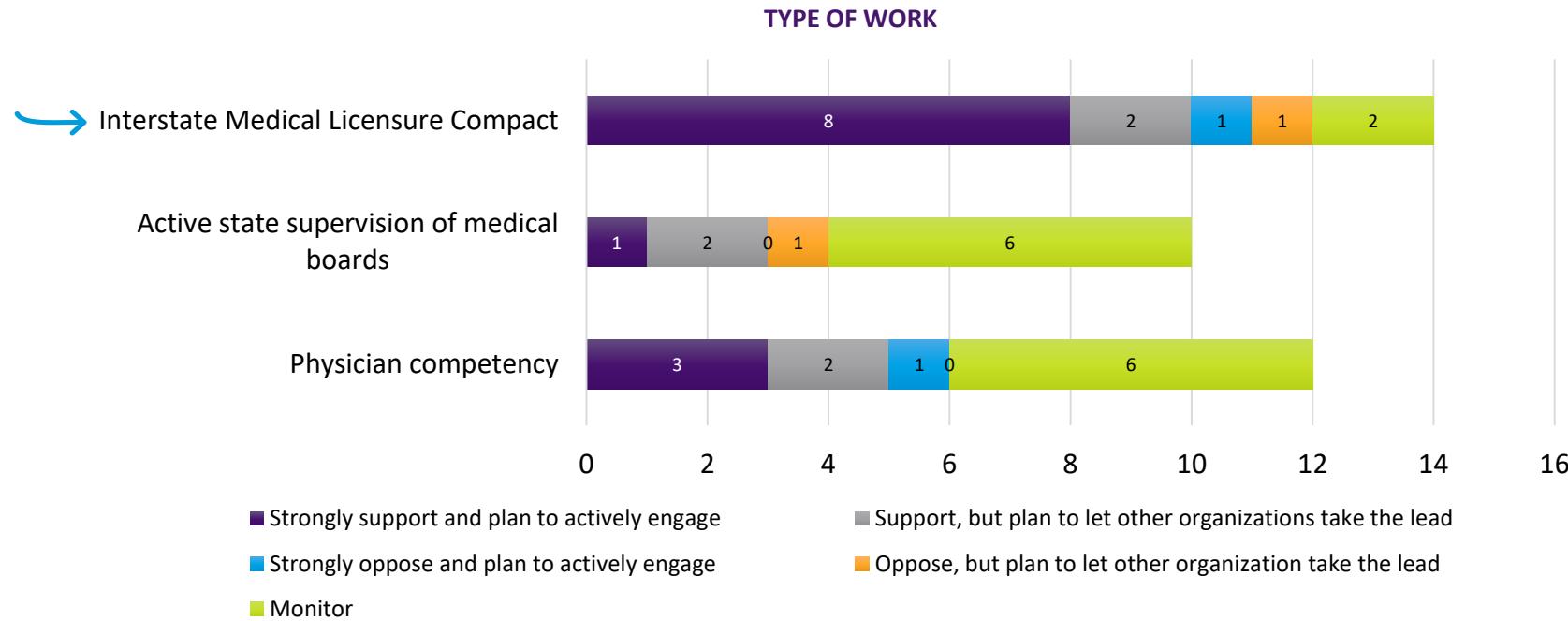
Medical Licensure Issues

Among respondents planning to work on medical licensure, 14 of the 31 expect activity related to the interstate medical licensure compact.



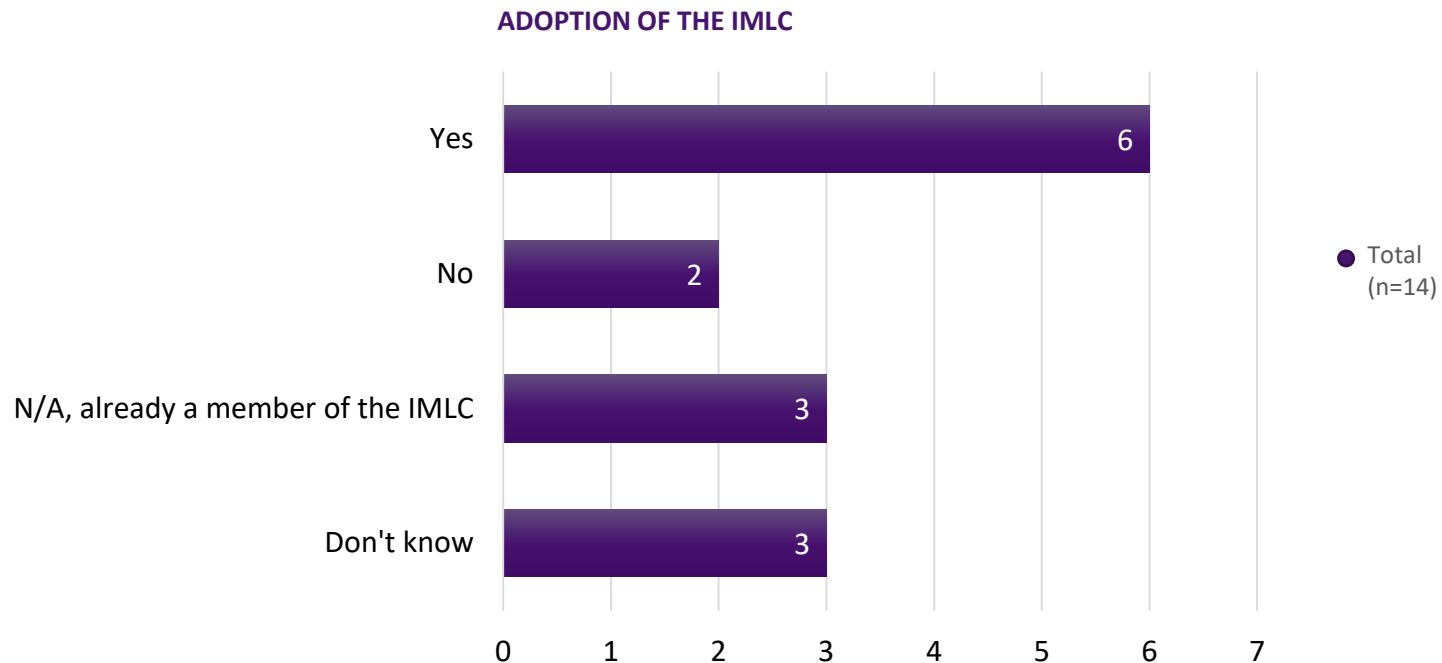
Q24 Which of the following medical licensure issues does your association expect to work on in 2020? Select all that apply.

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?

For those planning to work on the interstate medical licensure compact, 6 of the 14 say their association is considering adoption of the IMLC.

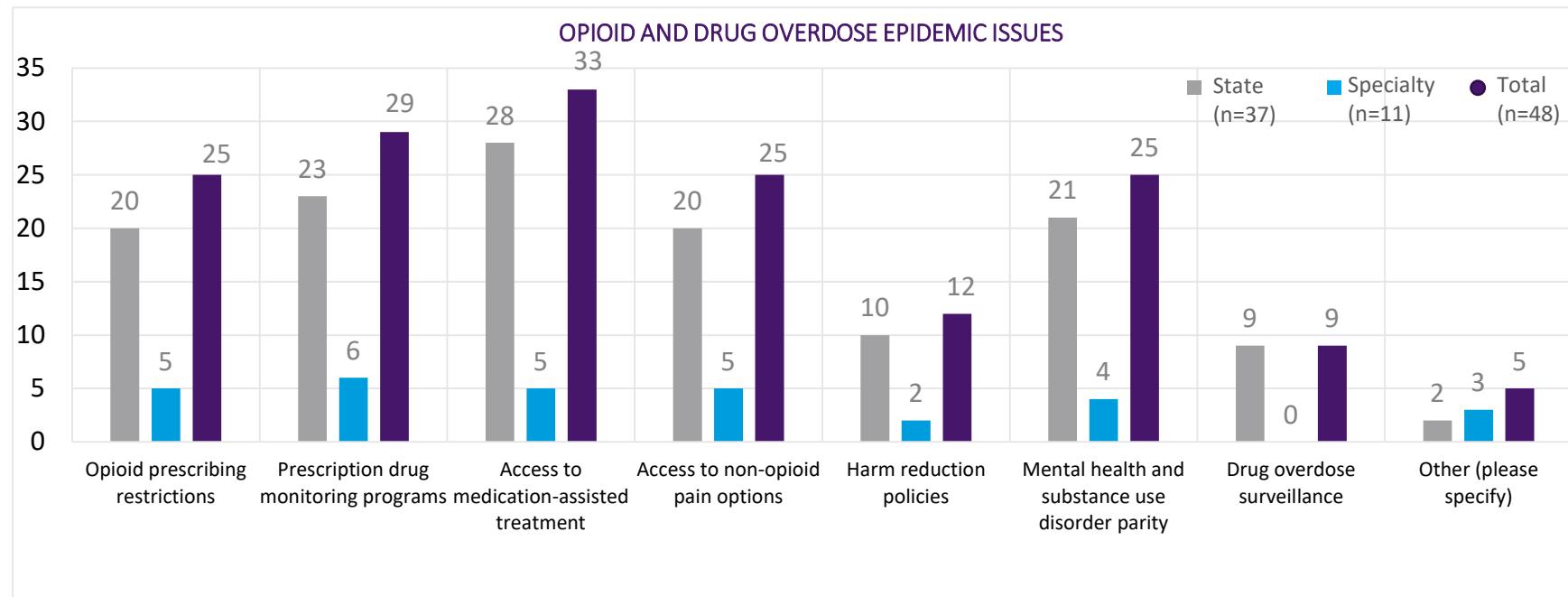


Q26 Is your state considering adoption of the IMLC?



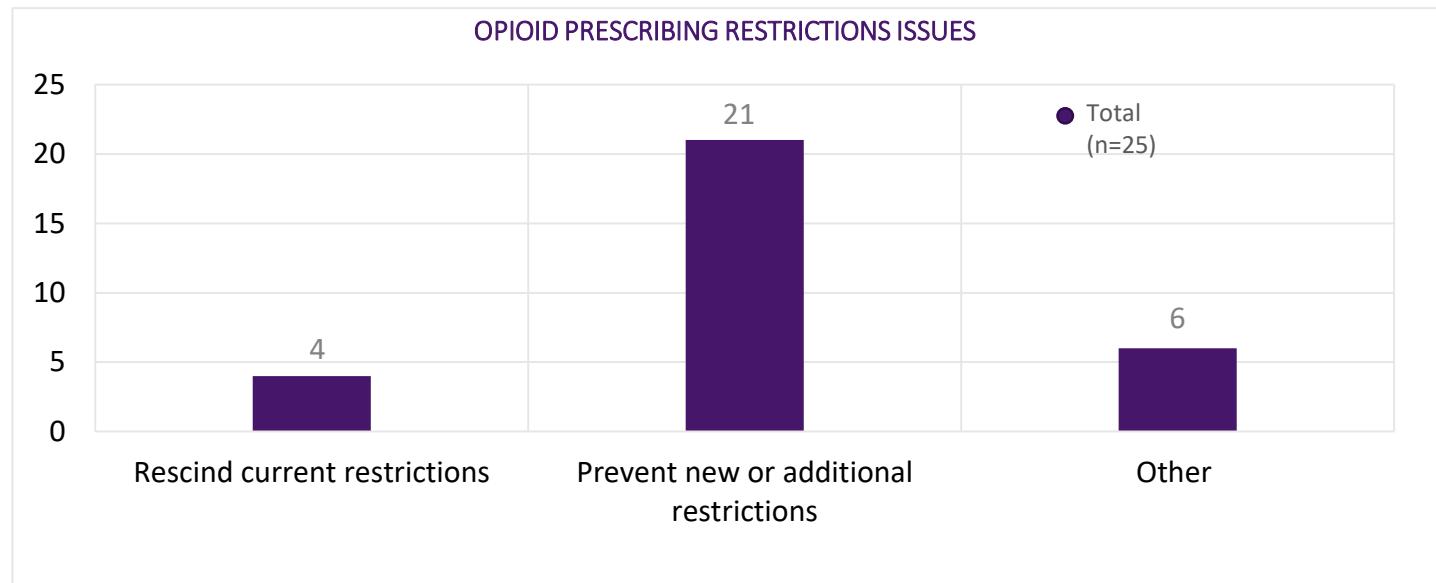
Opioid and Drug Overdose Epidemic Issues

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.



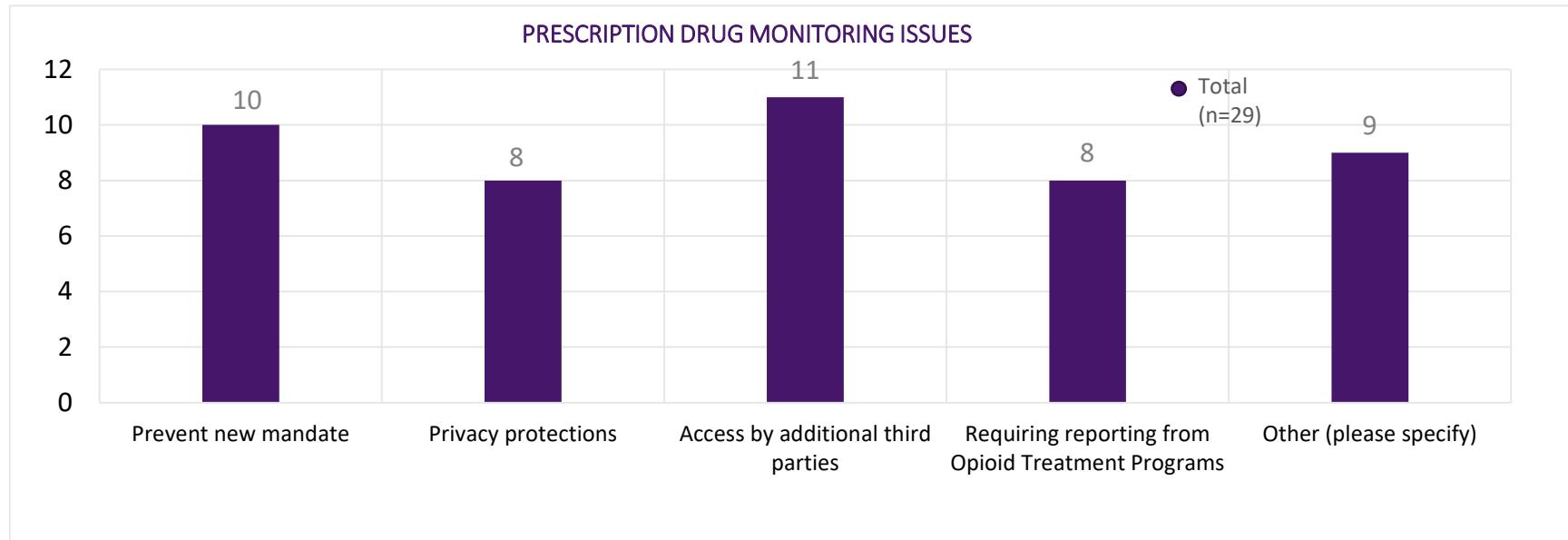
Q27 Which of the following opioid and drug overdose epidemic issues does your association expect to work on in 2020? Select all that apply.

Most of those planning to work on opioid prescribing restrictions say they will focus on preventing new or additional restrictions (21 of 25 respondents).



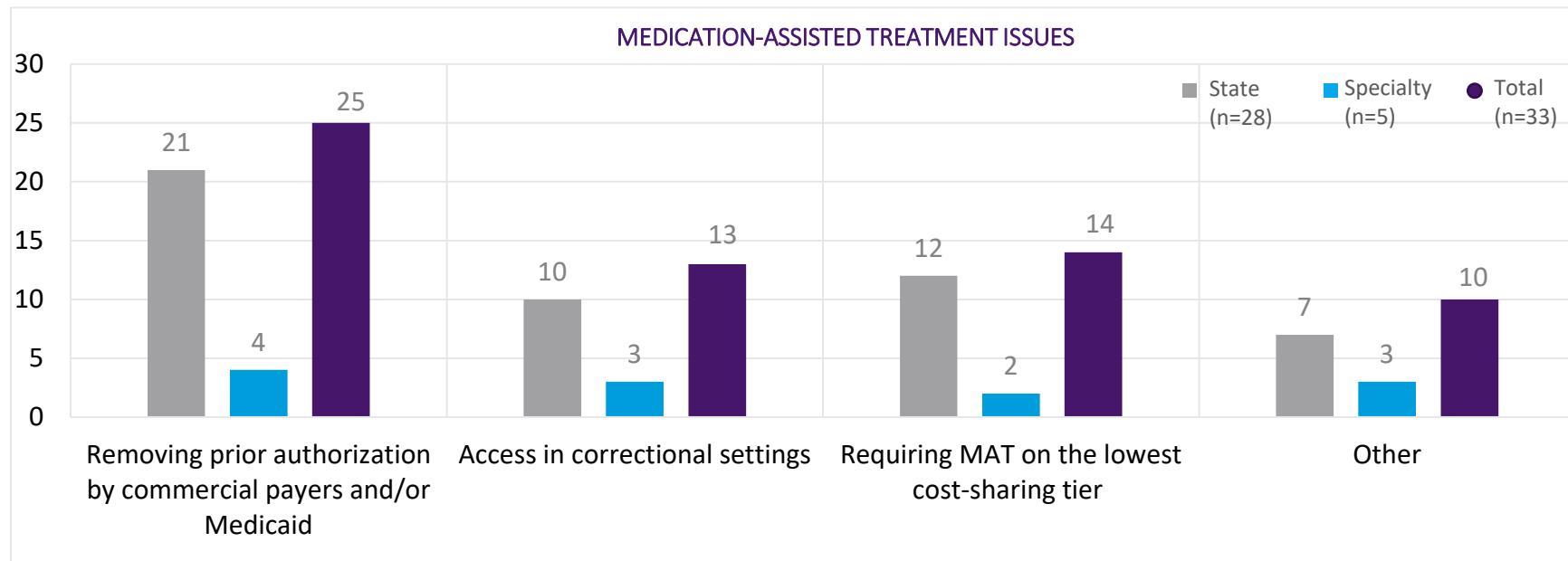
Q28 Which of the following opioid prescribing restrictions does your association expect to work on in 2020? Select all that apply.

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).



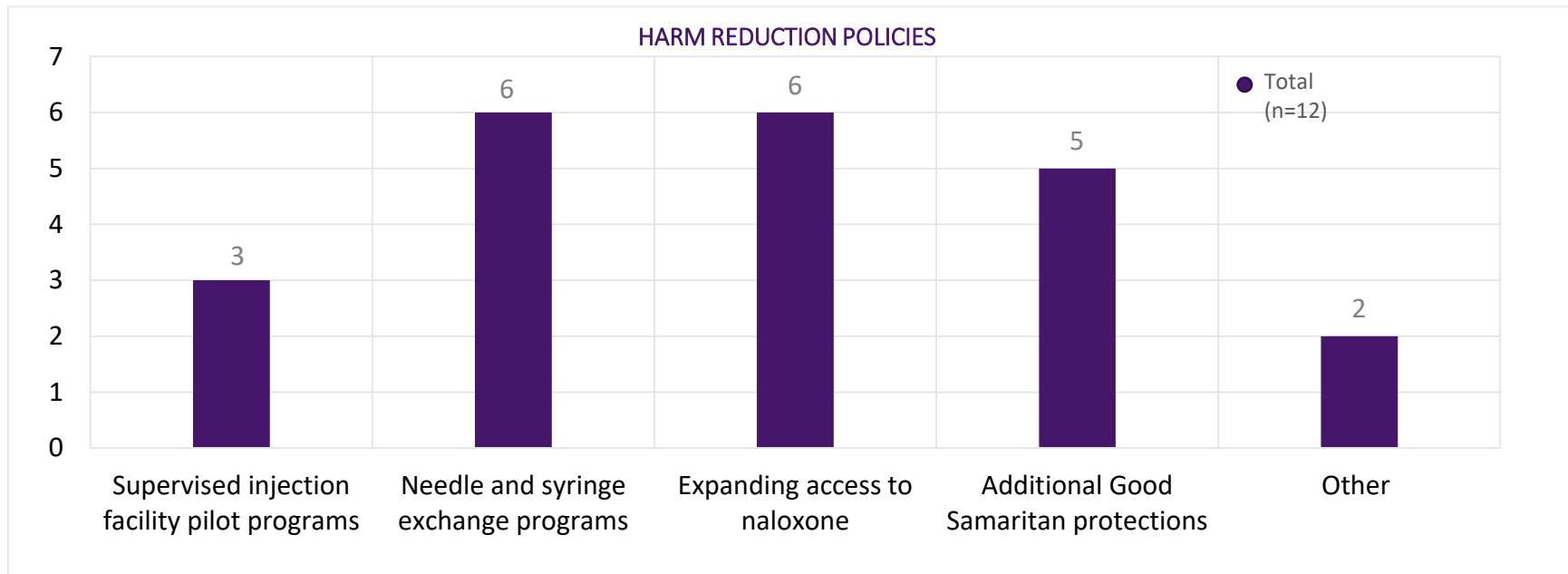
Q29 Which of the following prescription drug monitoring programs does your association expect to work on in 2020? Select all that apply.

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.



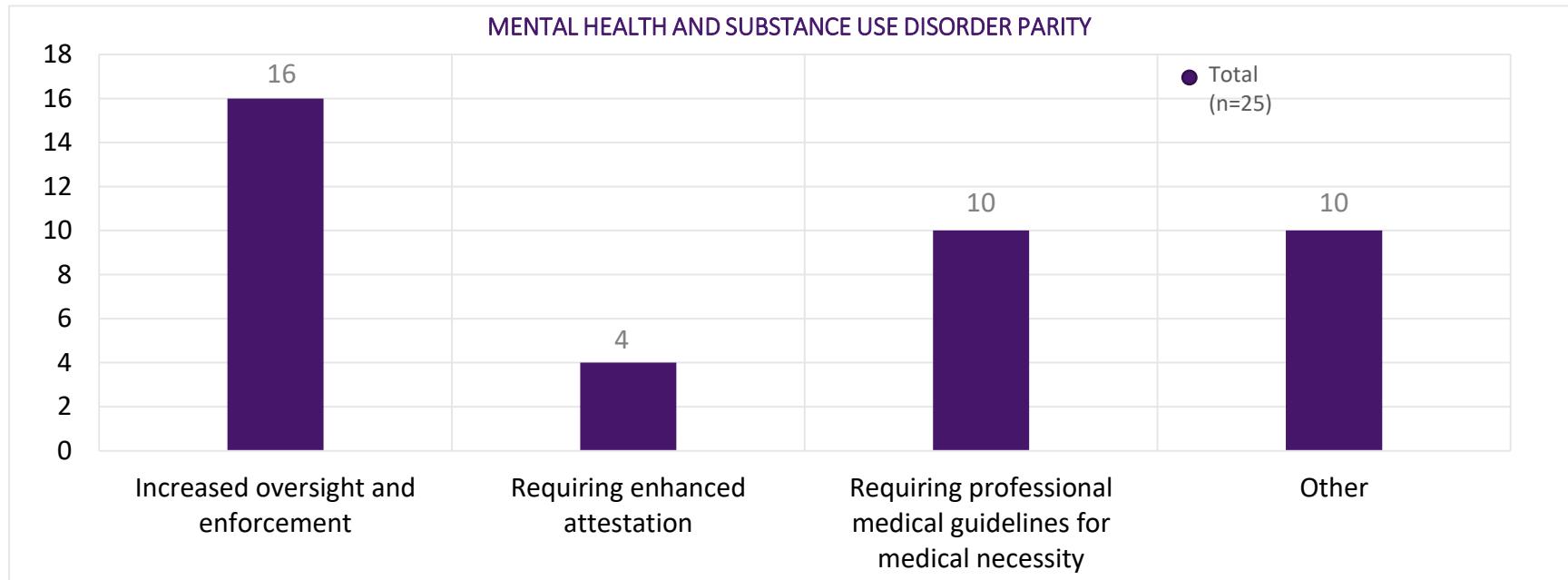
Q30 Which of the following access to medication-assisted treatment issues does your association expect to work on in 2020? Select all that apply.

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.

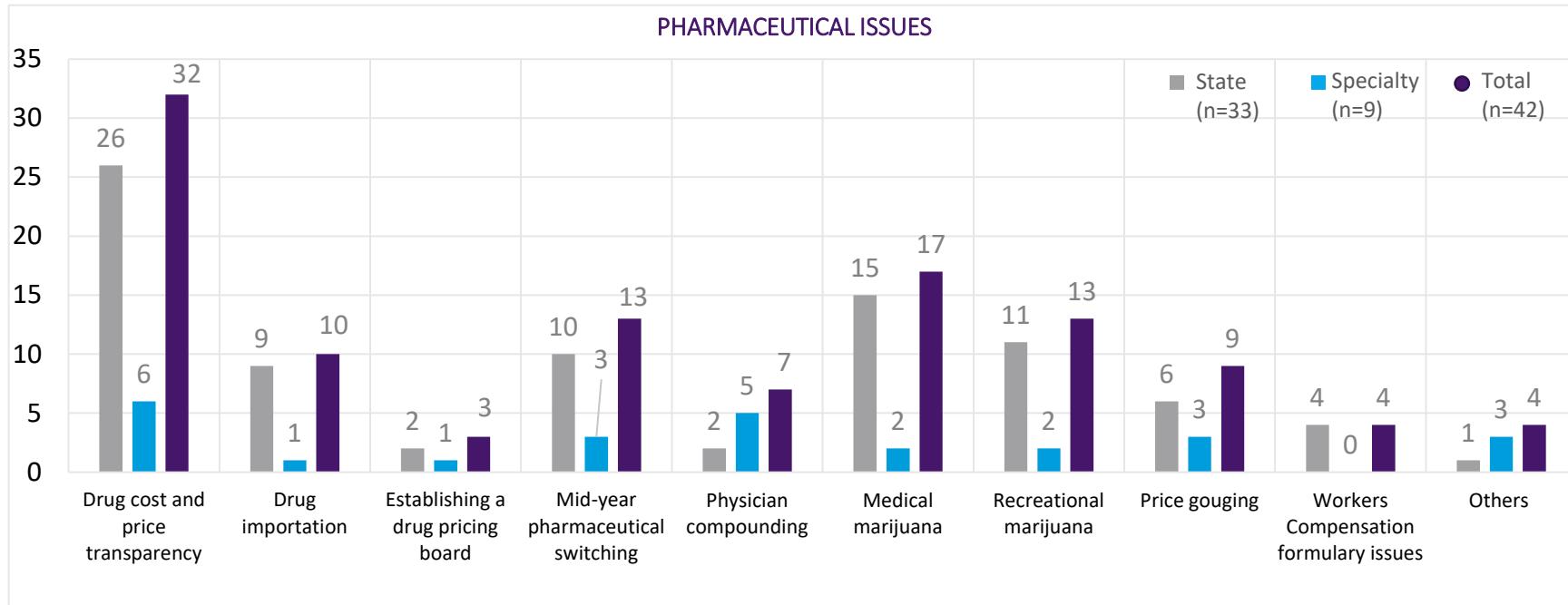


Q32 Which of the following mental health and substance use disorder parity issues does your association expect to work on in 2020? Select all that apply.



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.

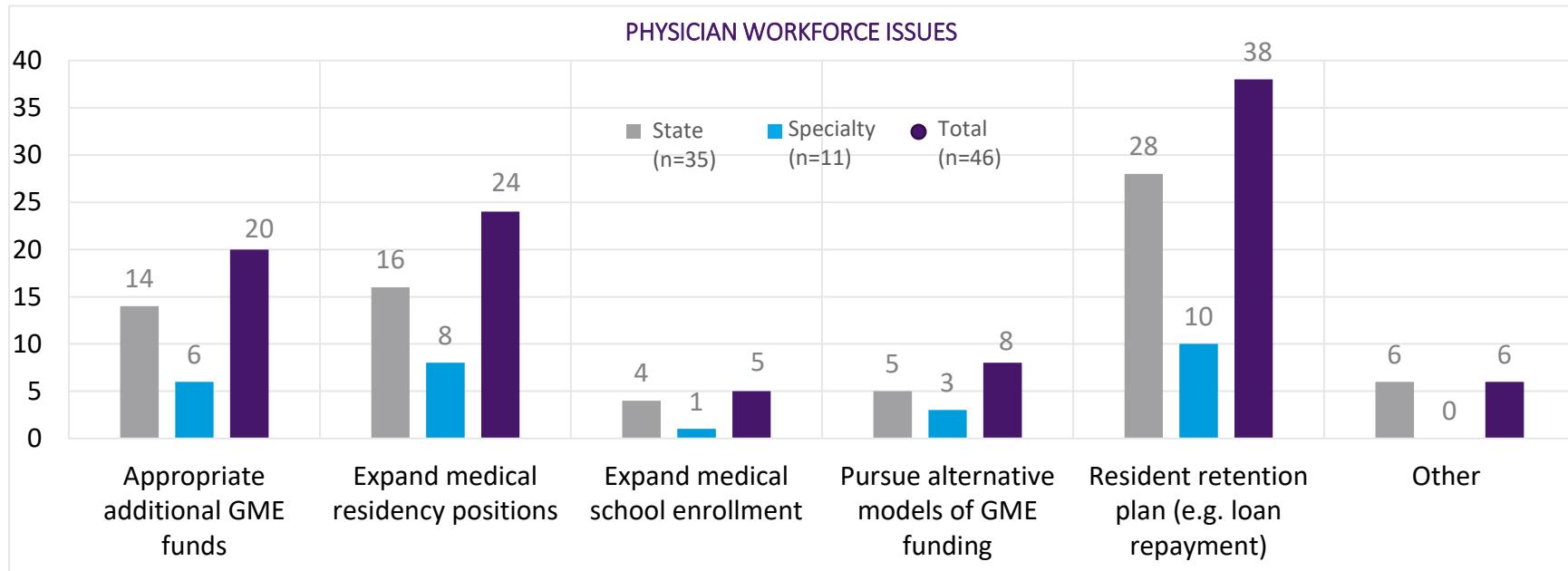


Q33 Which of the following pharmaceutical issues does your association expect to work on in 2020? Select all that apply.



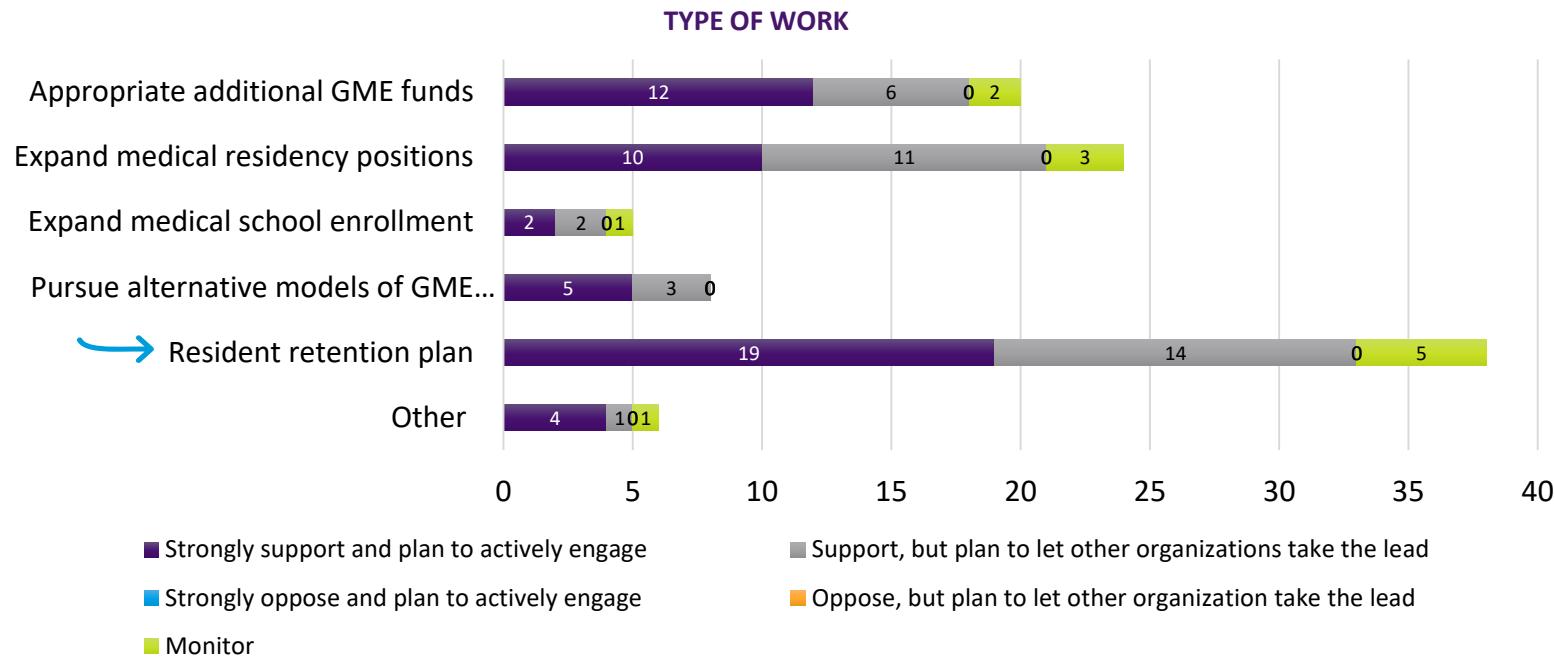
Physician Workforce

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.

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.”

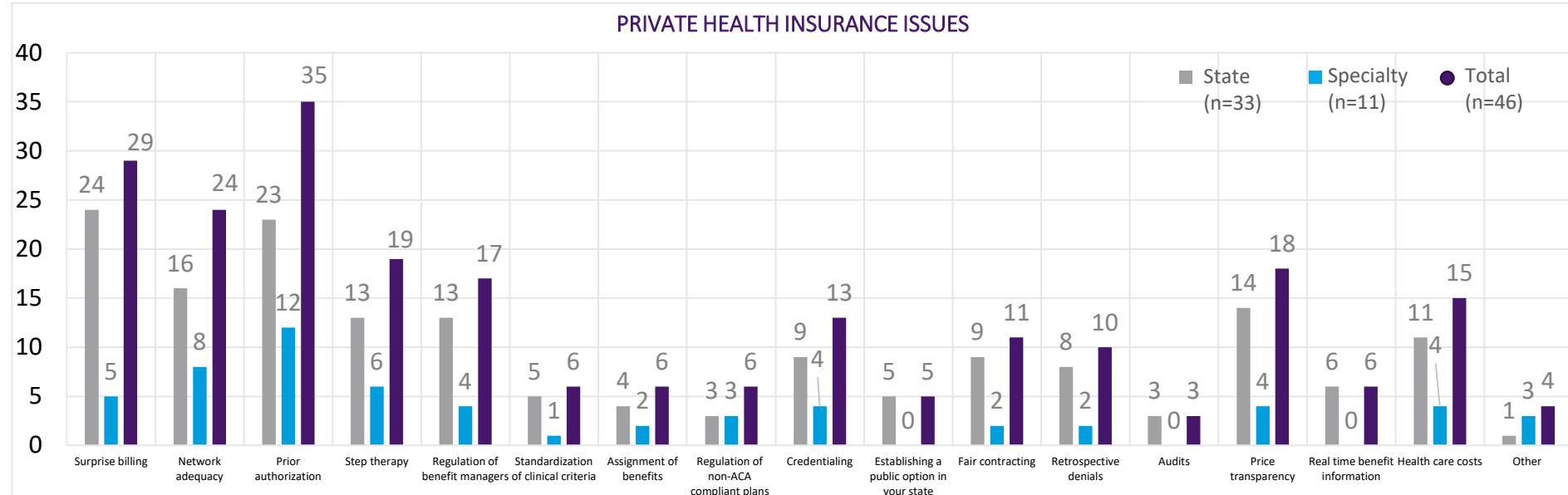


Q35 What type of work does your association plan to undertake on the following physician workforce issues in 2020?



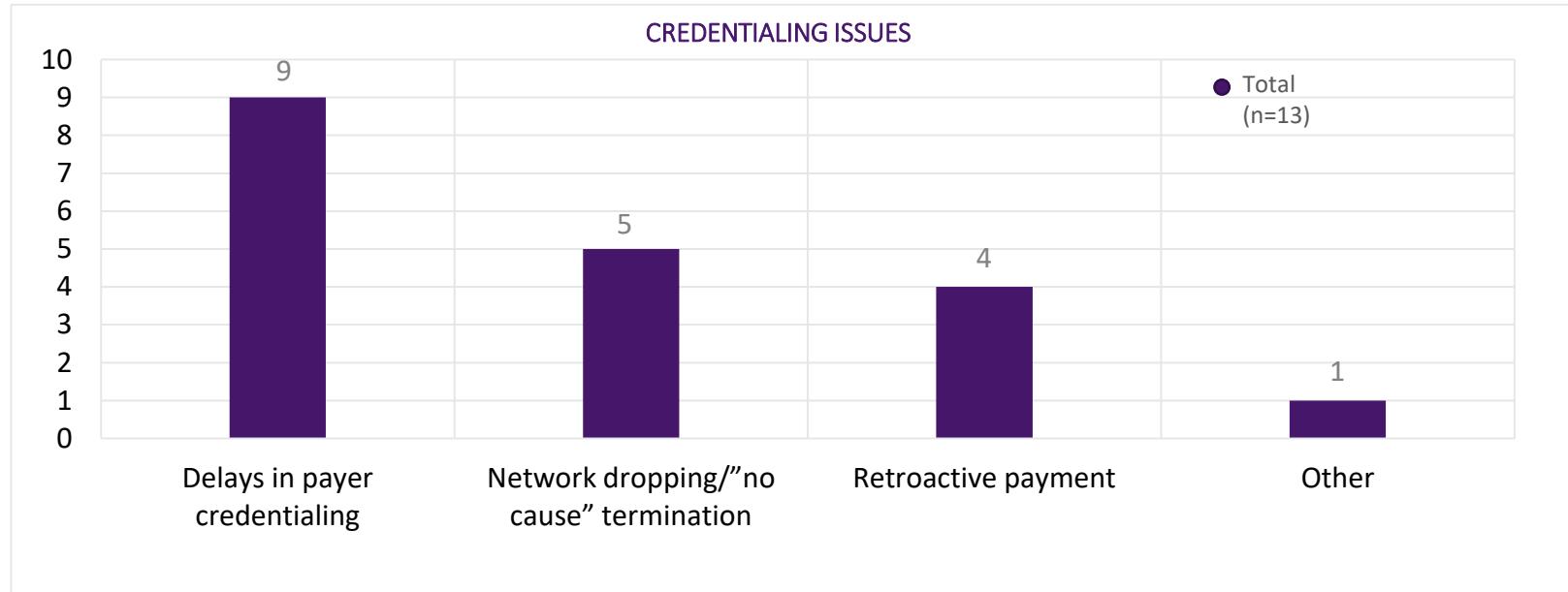
Private Health Insurance Practices

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.

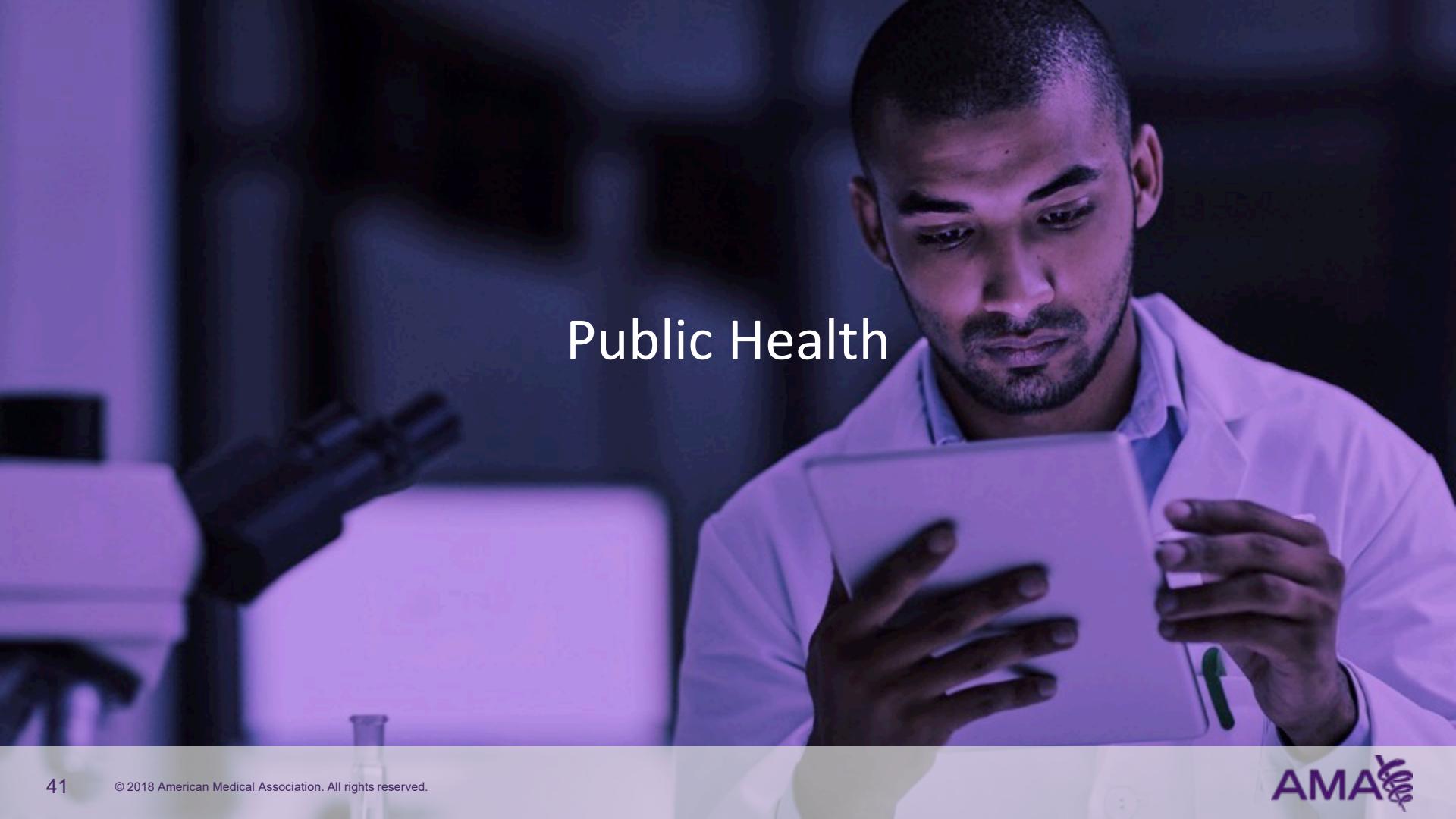


Q36 Which of the following private health insurance issues does your association expect to work on in 2020? Select all that apply.

Among those planning to work on credentialing issues, 9 of the 13 respondents will focus on delays in payer credentialing.

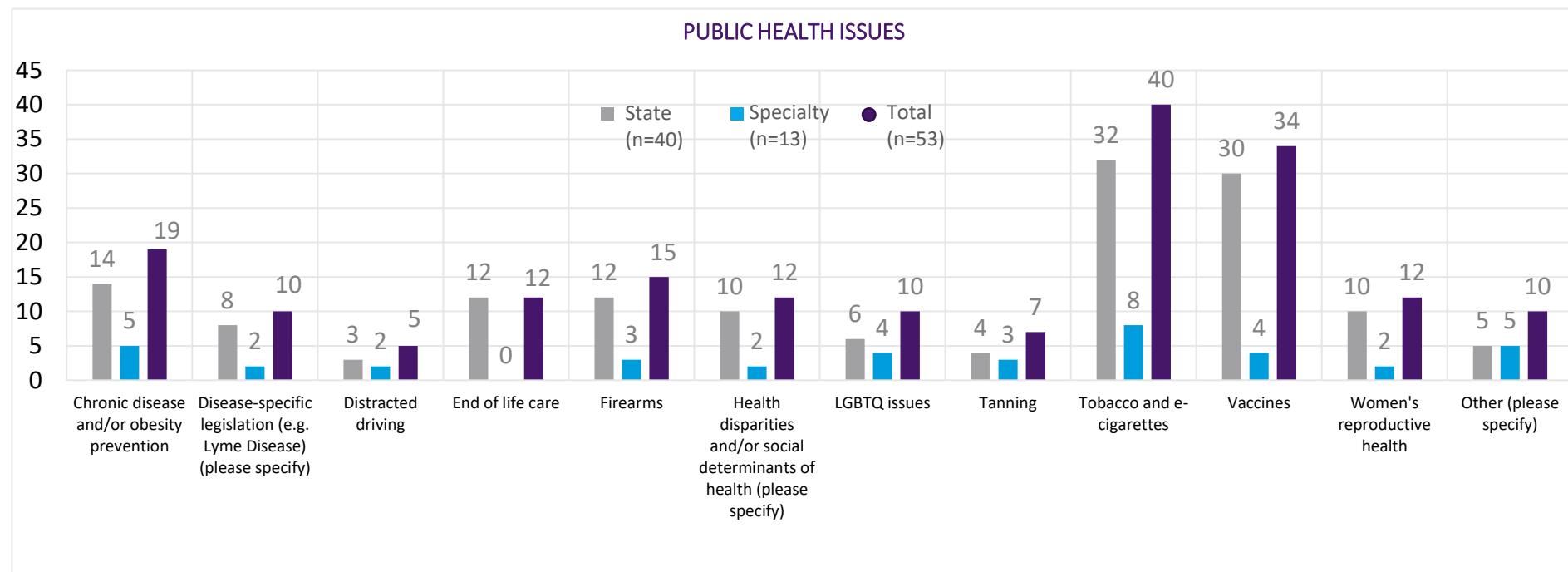


Q37 Which of the following credentialing issues does your association expect to work on in 2020? Select all that apply.



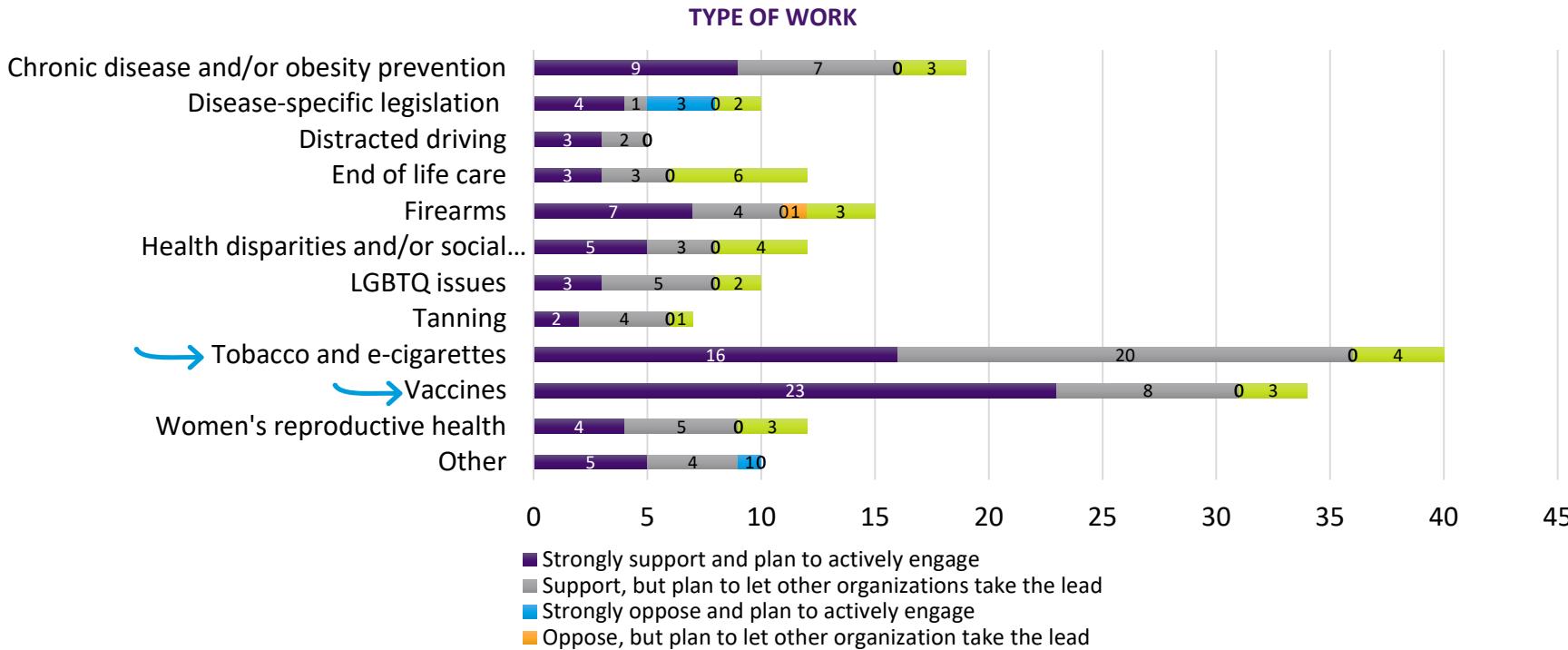
Public Health

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.



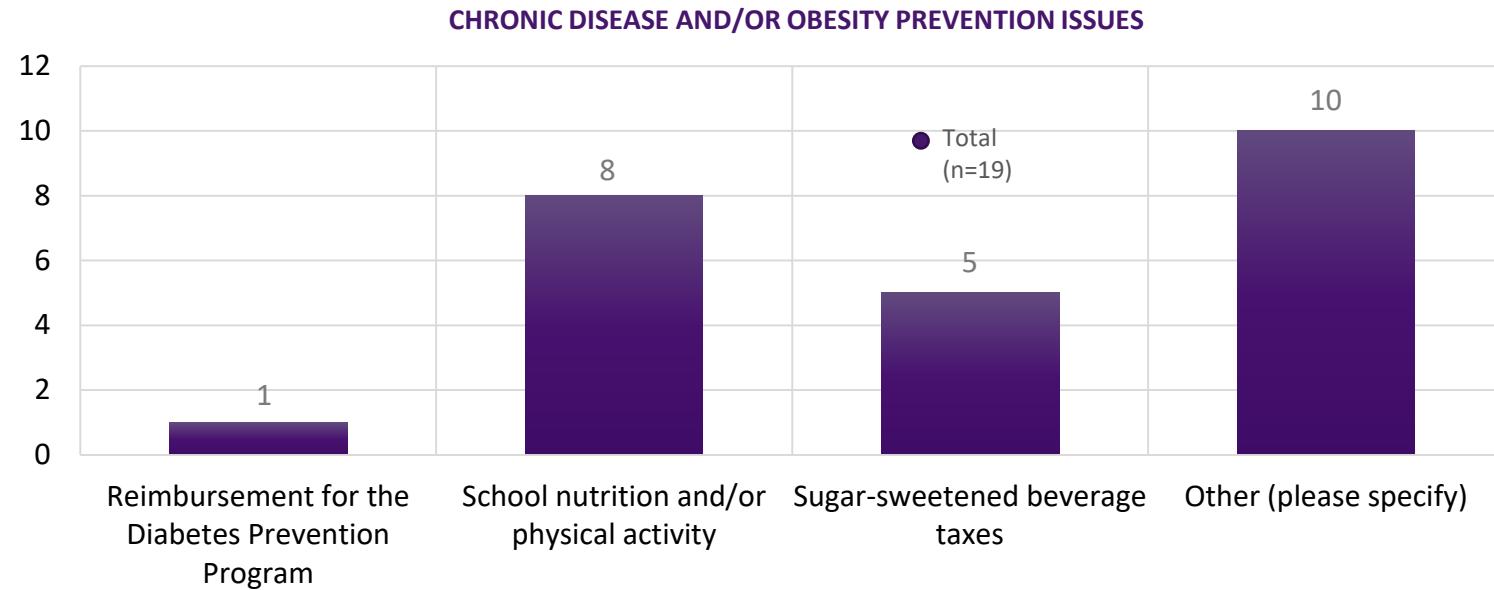
Q38 Which of the following public health issues does your association expect to work on in 2020? Select all that apply.

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.”



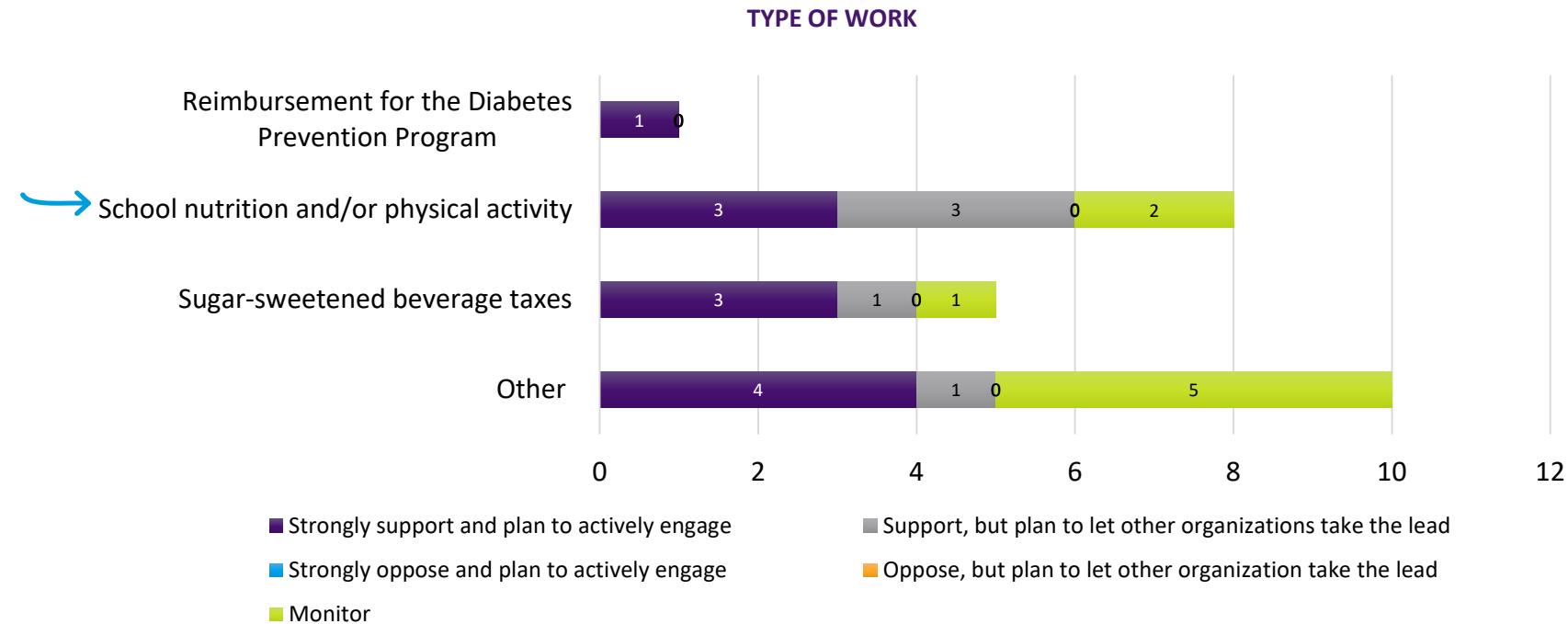
Q39 What type of work does your association plan to undertake on the following public health issues in 2020?

For chronic disease and obesity prevention, 8 of the 19 respondents working in this area will focus on school nutrition and/or physical activity.



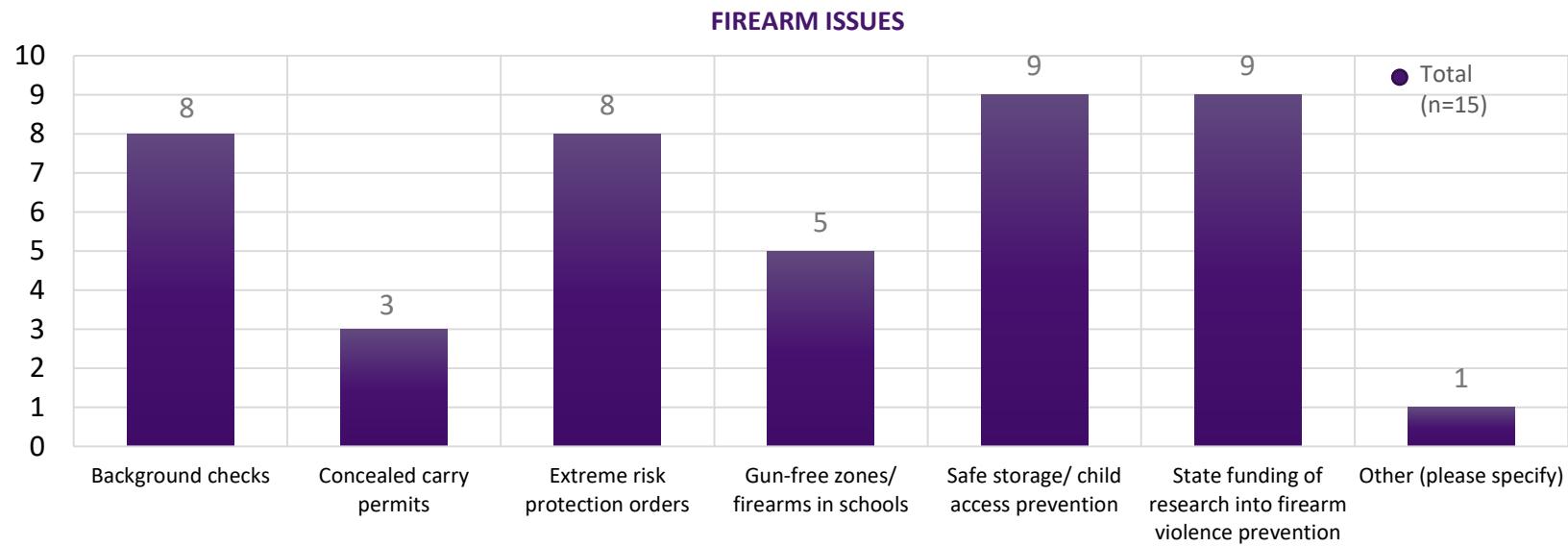
Q40 Which of the following chronic disease and/or obesity prevention issues does your association expect to work on in 2020? Select all that apply.

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.”



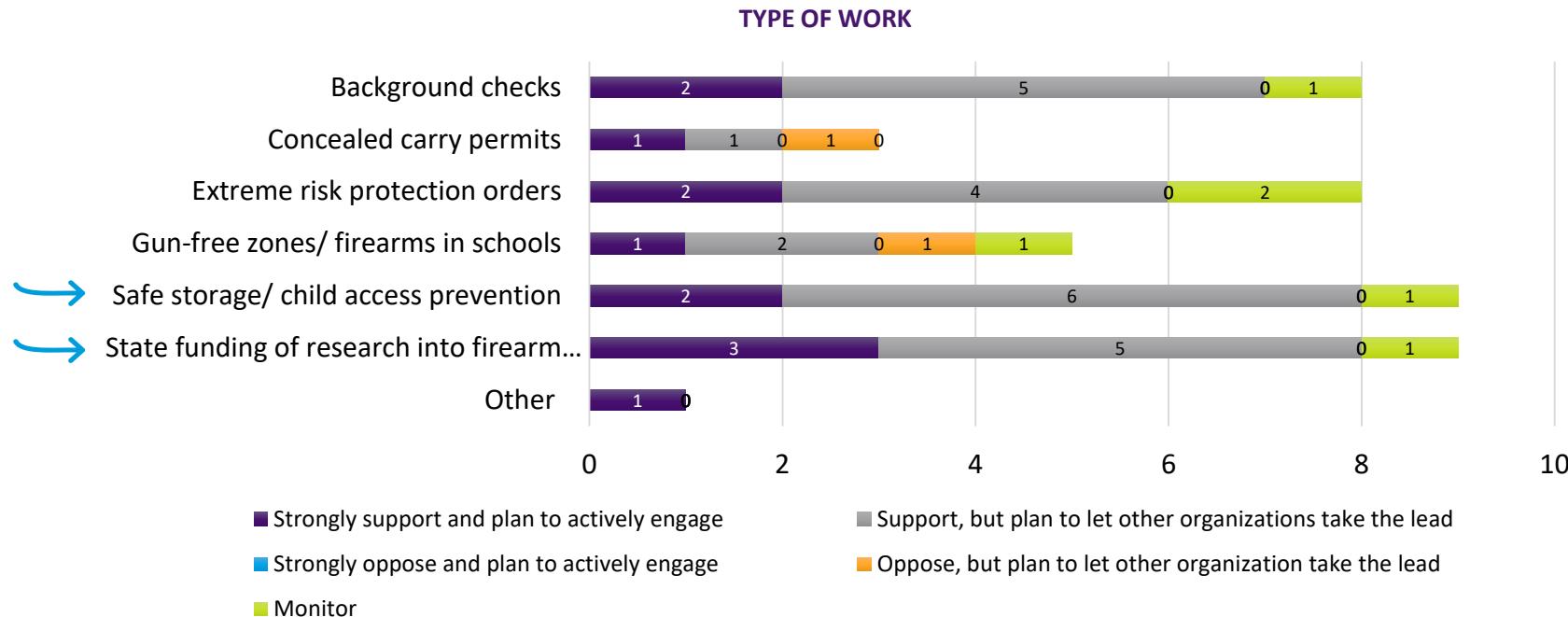
Q41 What type of work does your association plan to undertake on the following chronic disease and/or obesity prevention issues in 2020?

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.



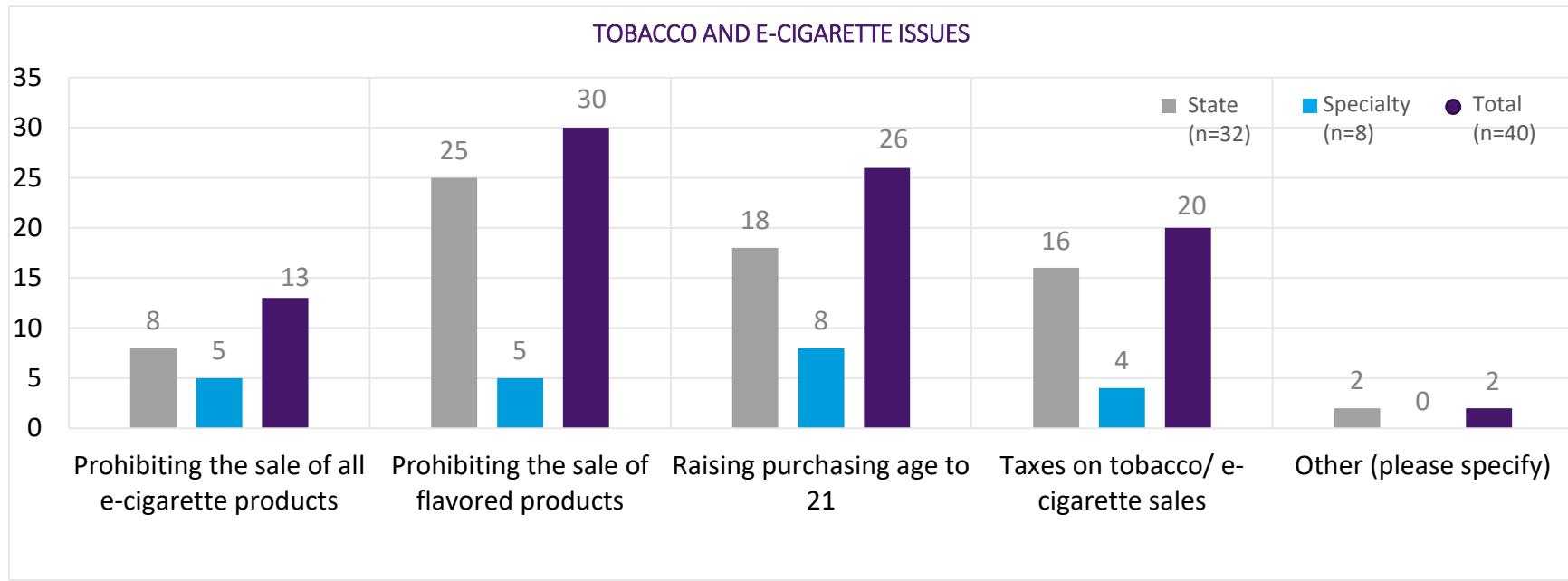
Q44 Which of the following firearm issues does your association expect to work on in 2020? Select all that apply.

Most respondents planning to work on safe storage and state funding of research will “support, but plan to let other organizations take the lead.”



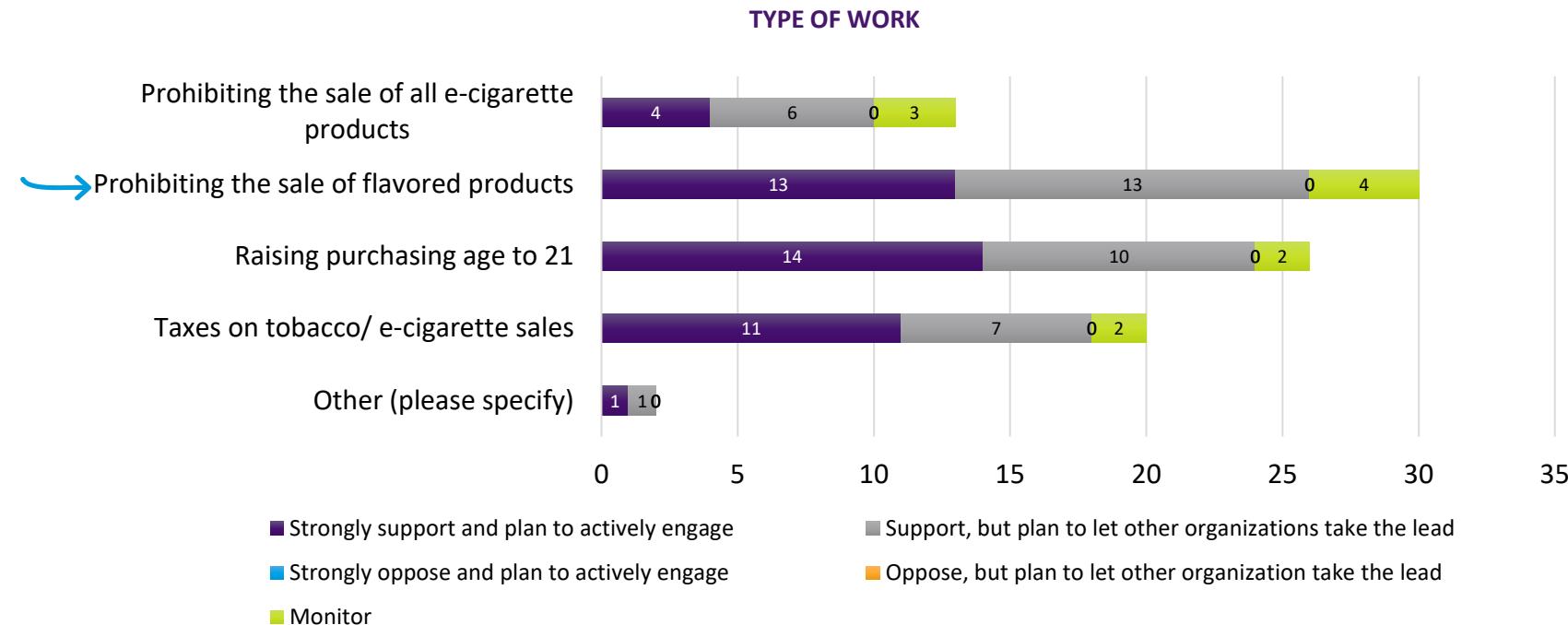
Q45 What type of work does your association plan to undertake on the following firearm issues in 2020?

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



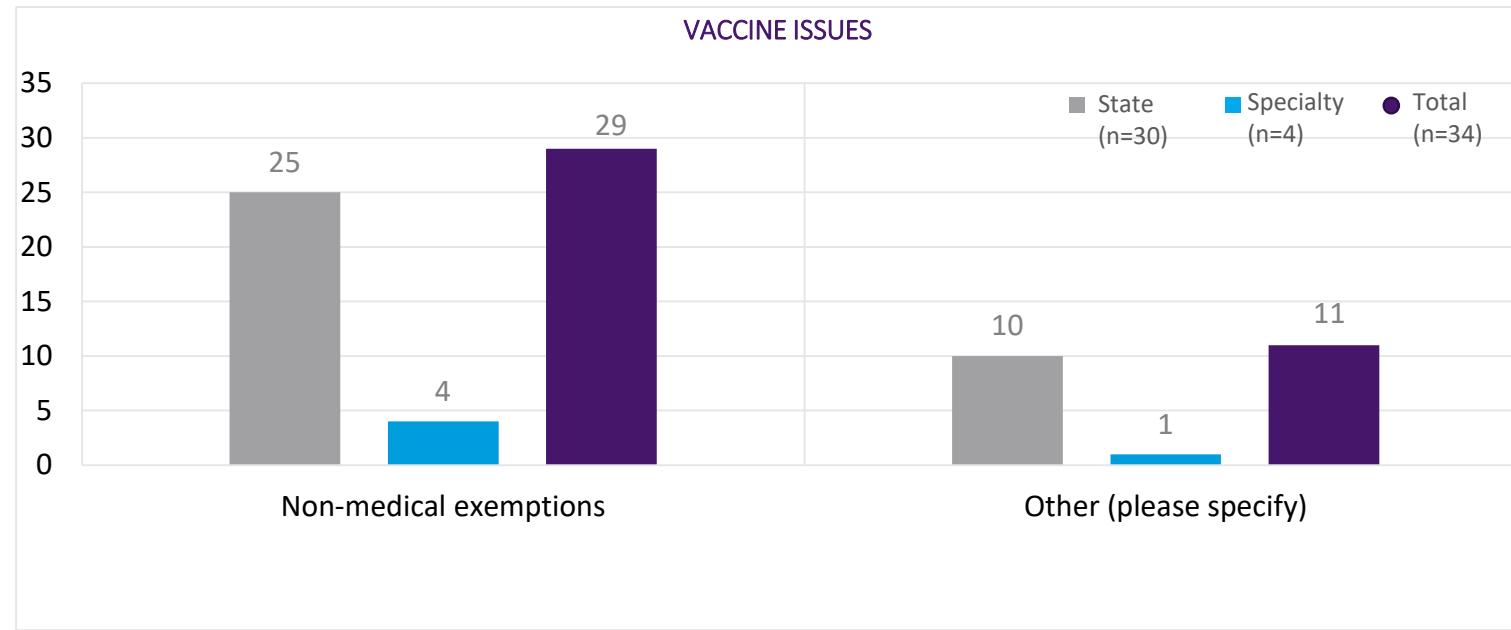
Q48 Which of the following tobacco and e-cigarette issues does your association expect to work on in 2020? Select all that apply.

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.”



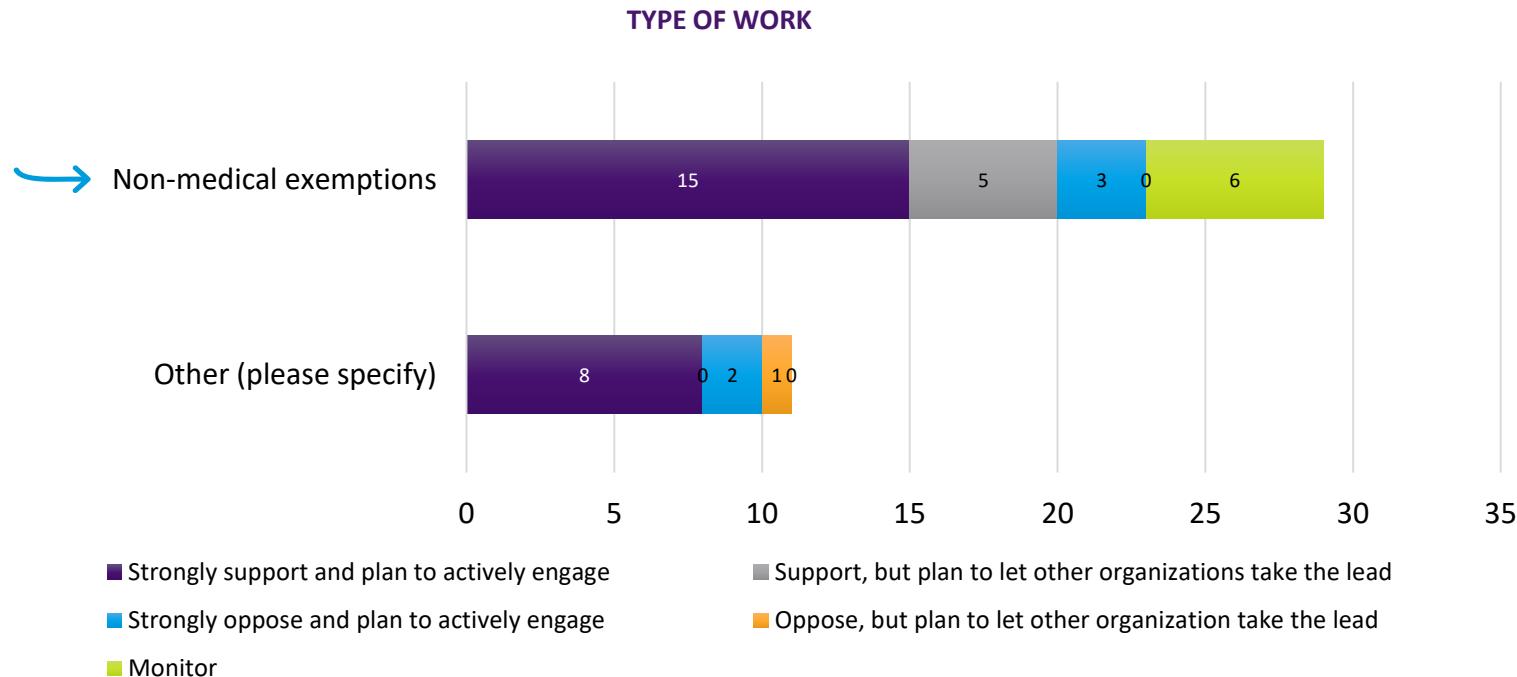
Q49 What type of work does your association plan to undertake on the following tobacco and e-cigarette issues in 2020?

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



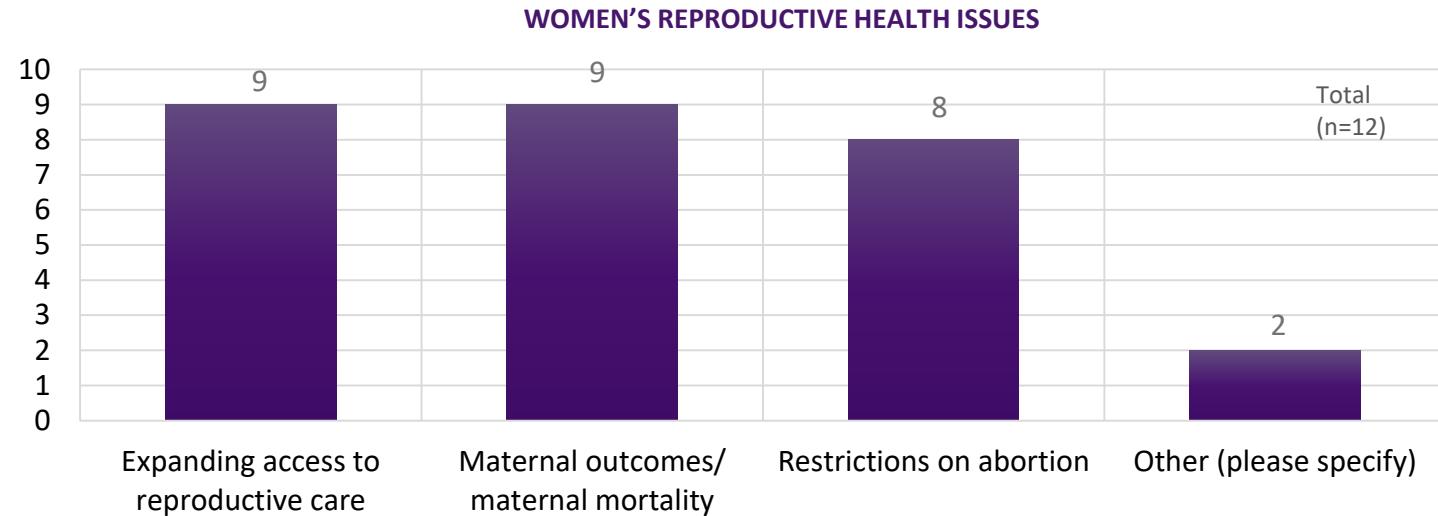
Q50 Which of the following vaccine issues does your association expect to work on in 2020? Select all that apply.

Most respondents planning to work on non-medical exemptions will “strongly support and plan to actively engage.”



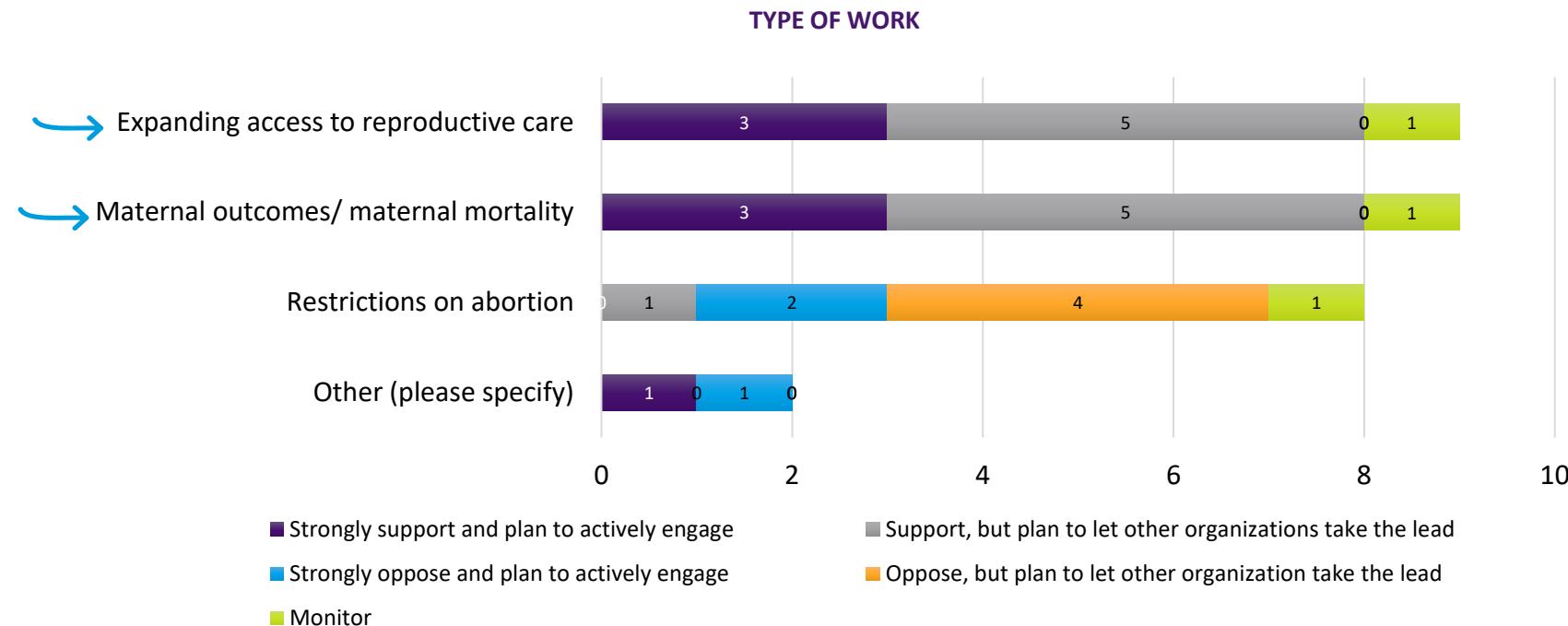
Q51 What type of work does your association plan to undertake on the following vaccine issues in 2020?

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.

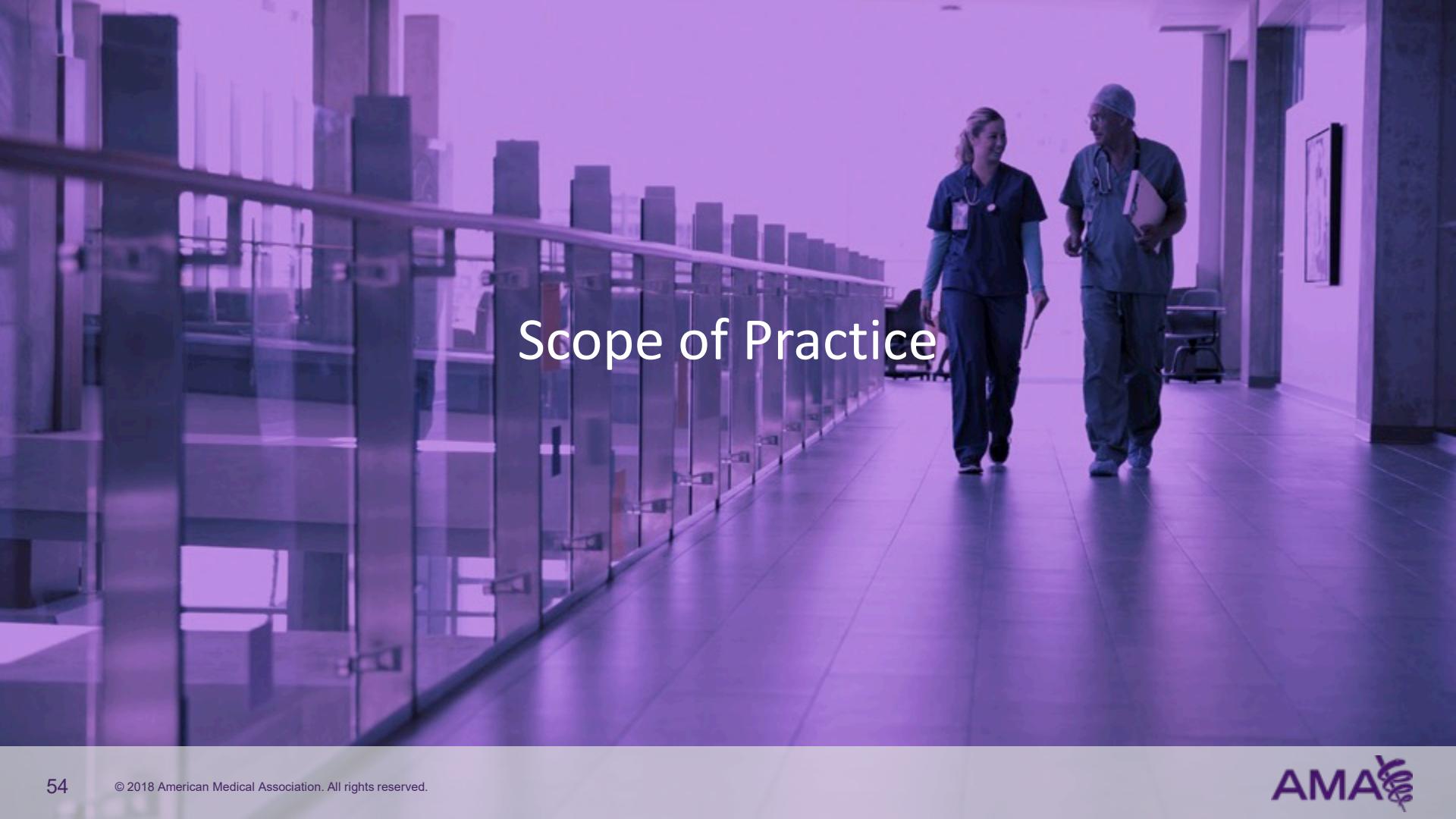


Q52 Which of the following women's reproductive health issues does your association expect to work on in 2020? Select all that apply.

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.”

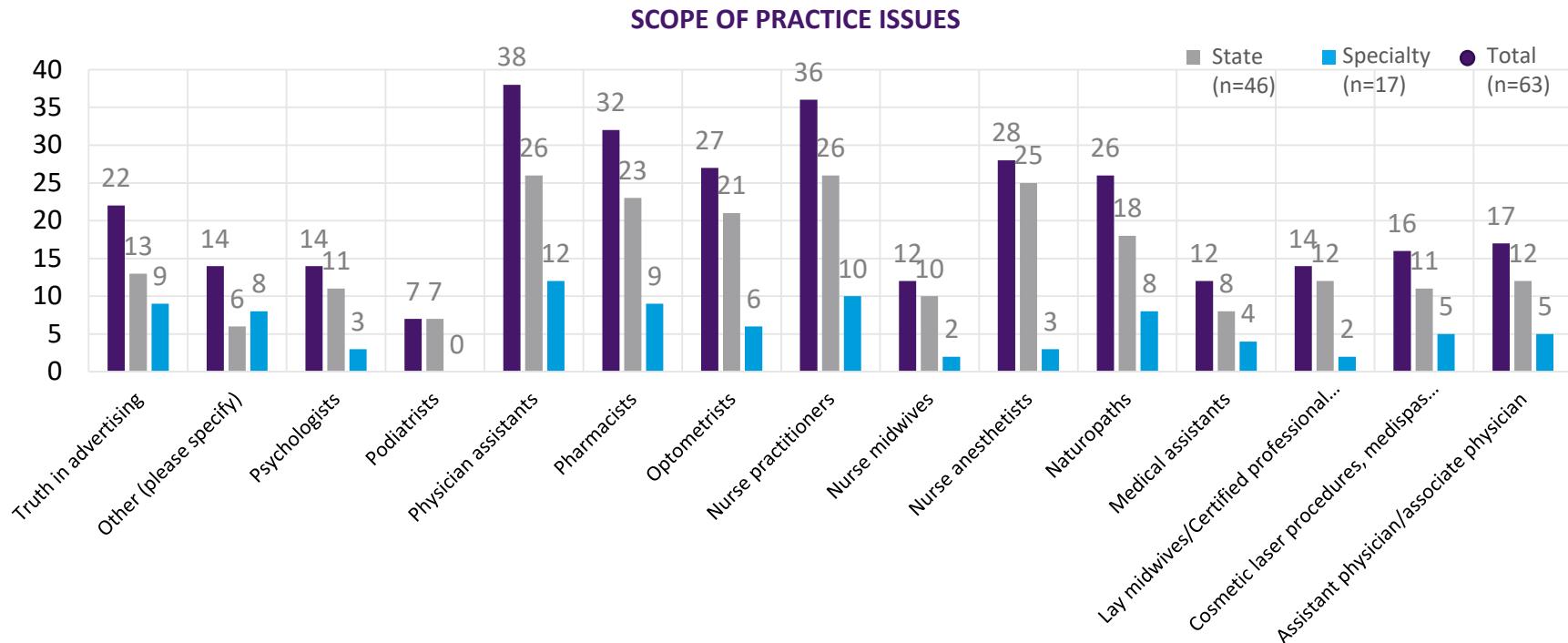


Q53 What type of work does your association plan to undertake on the following women's reproductive health issues in 2020?



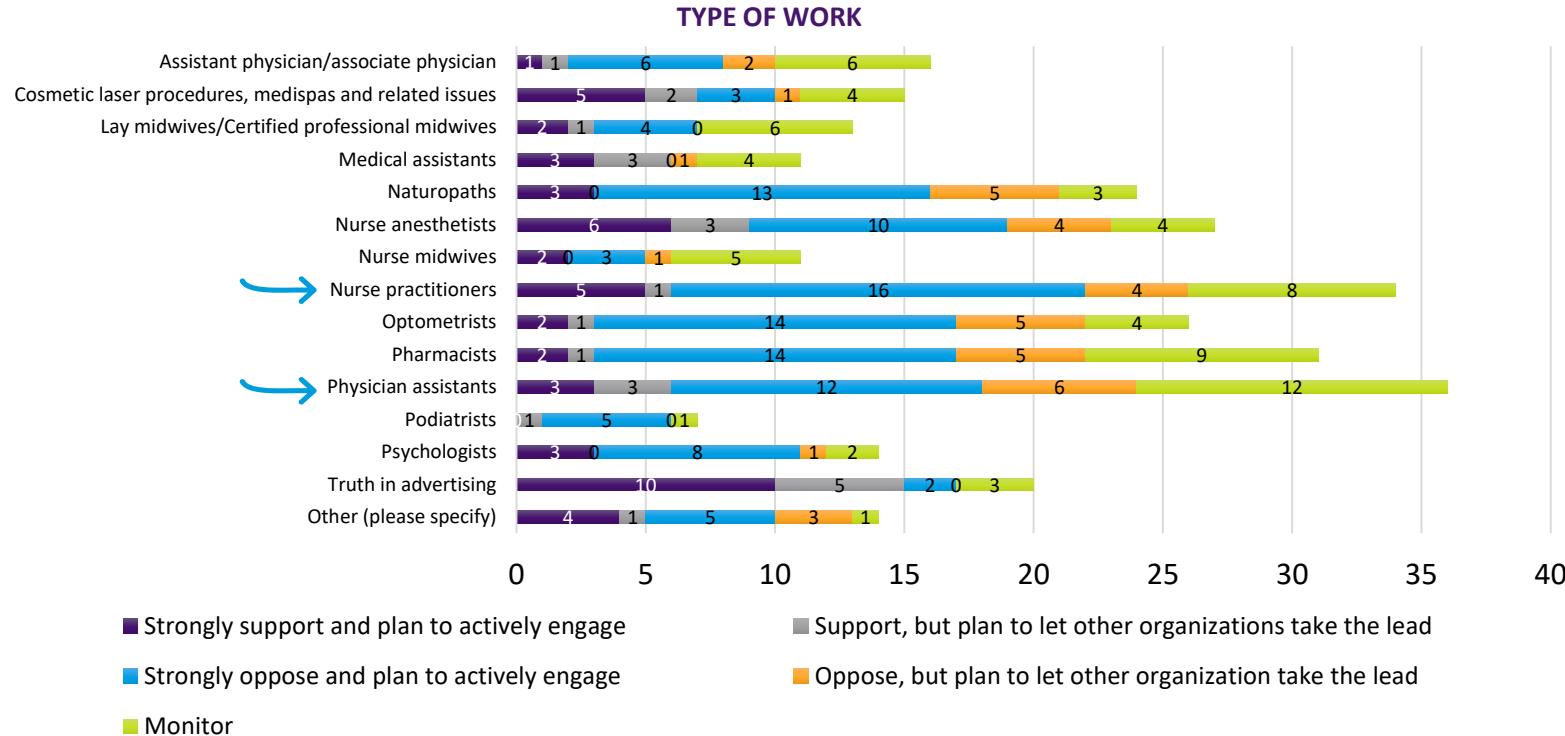
Scope of Practice

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.

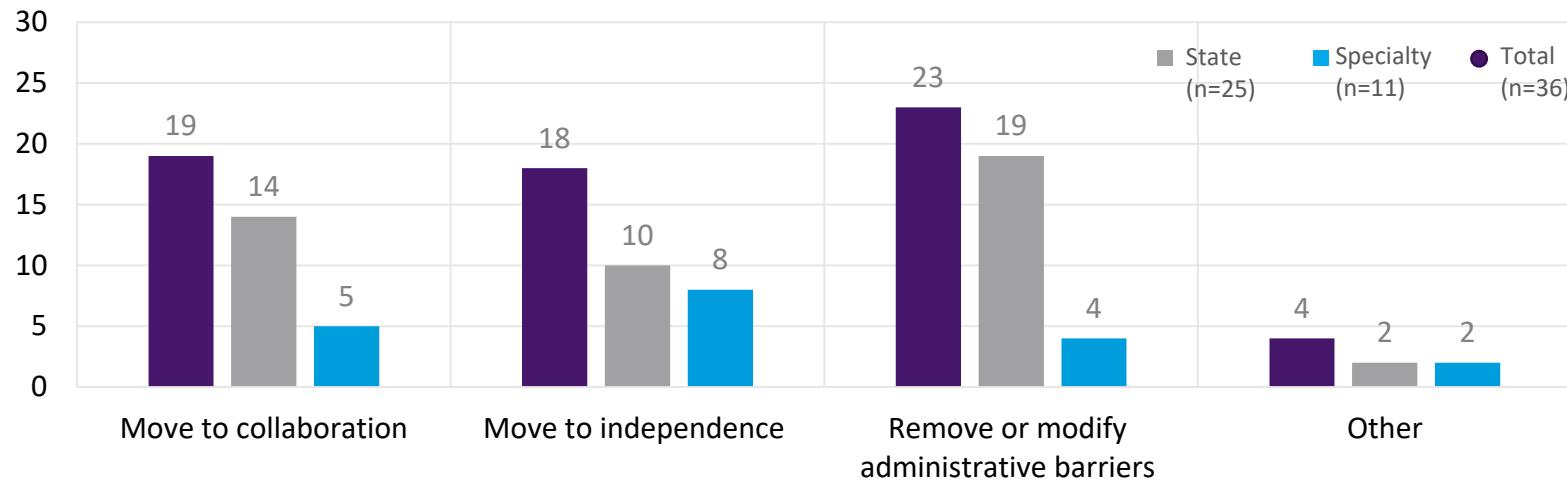
Most of those who plan to focus on physician assistants and nurse practitioners will “strongly oppose and plan to actively engage” or “monitor.”



Q55 What type of work does your association plan to undertake on the following scope of practice issues in 2020?

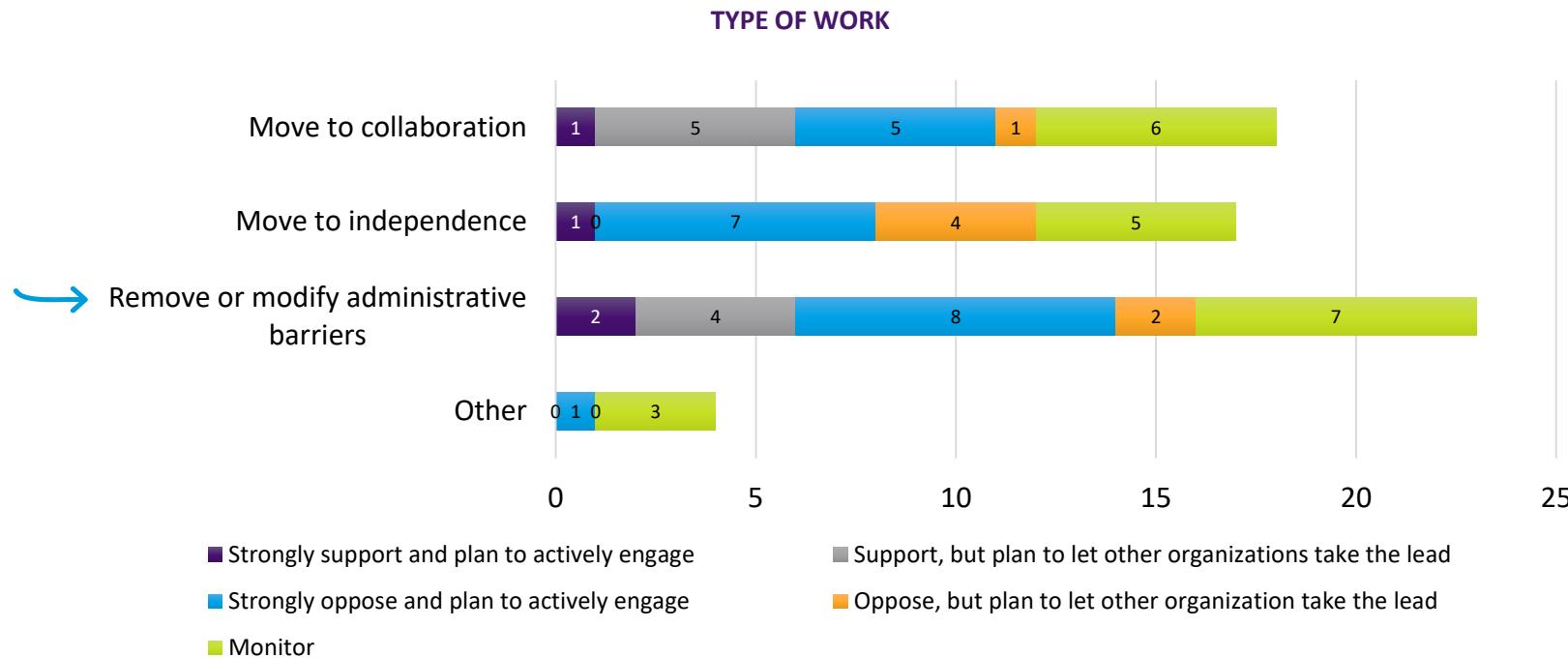
Among respondents planning to work on scope of practice with physician assistants, 19 expect activity related to removing or modifying administrative barriers.

SCOPE OF PRACTICE ISSUES WITH PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS



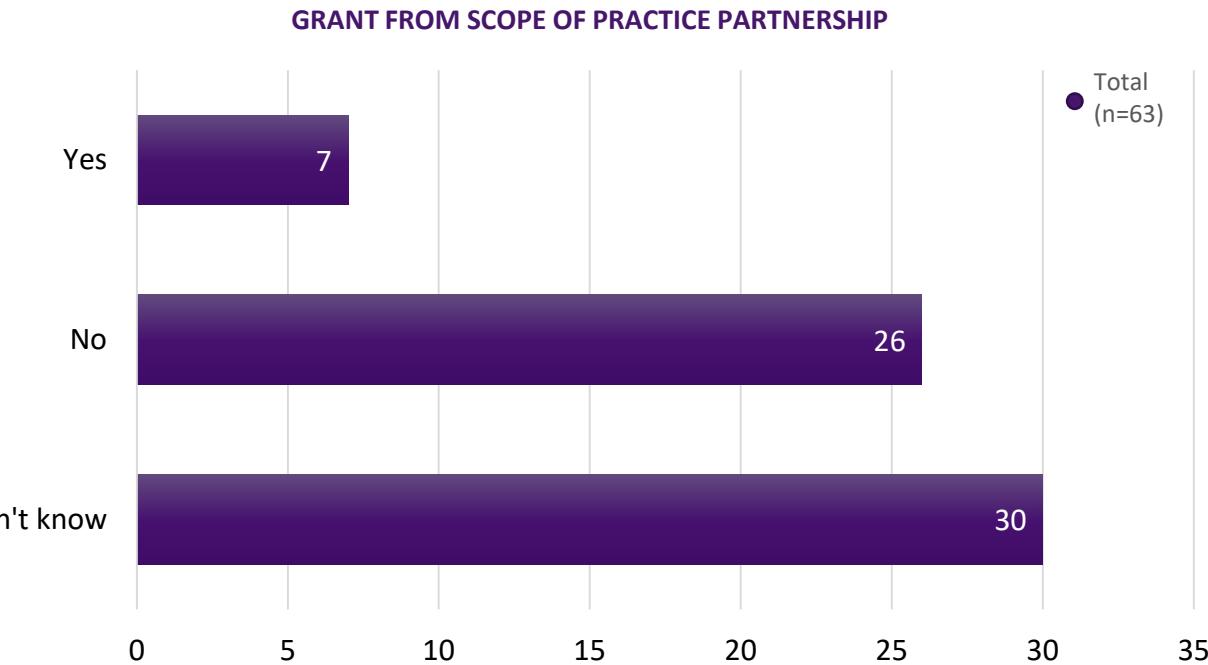
Q56 Which of the following scope of practice issues with physician assistants does your association expect to work on in 2020? Select all that apply.

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?

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?

