**ACS State Affairs Legislative Update – May 23, 2025**

**STATE AFFAIRS WORKGROUP**

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**ACS STATE AFFAIRS PRIORITY ISSUES**

* Trauma System Funding and Development
* Cancer Screening, Testing, and Treatment
* Insurance and Administrative Burden
* Professional Liability
* Criminalization of Physician Care
* Access to Surgical Care
* Health Equity

For more information regarding ACS State Affairs Policy Priorities in your state, please contact Catherine Hendricks, State Affairs Manager, at chendricks@facs.org or Cory Bloom, State Affairs Associate, at cbloom@facs.org. To view a complete list of bills ACS State Affairs is tracking, visit our online [State Legislative Tracker.](https://www.quorum.us/spreadsheet/external/QGjJBFIfORzJNAtlNvfp/)

**ACS GRANT PROGRAM**

State Chapters are eligible to apply for ACS State Advocacy Grants and may use funds towards their annual state advocacy day, to hire a lobbyist, or other relevant advocacy functions such as travel costs for members, catering, venue rentals, printing, and more. To learn more information regarding the ACS State Advocacy Grants, apply [here](https://www.facs.org/advocacy/state-legislation/chapter-state-advocacy-grant-program/).

**STATE ADVOCACY DAYS**

Wisconsin: June 3, Madison

**STATUS OF LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS**

Legislative adjournments: Alabama (5/14);Alaska (5/20); Arkansas (5/5); Colorado (5/7); Georgia (4/4); Hawaii (5/2); Idaho (4/4); Indiana (4/24); Iowa (5/14); Kansas (4/11); Kentucky (3/28); Maine (3/21); Maryland (4/7); Minnesota (5/19); Mississippi (4/3); Missouri (5/15); Montana (4/30); New Mexico (3/22); North Dakota (5/3); South Carolina (5/8); South Dakota (3/31); Tennessee (4/22); Utah (3/7); Virginia (2/22); Washington (4/27); West Virginia (4/12), and Wyoming (3/6).

**LEGISLATIVE TRACKING**

**CALIFORNIA**

[HR 36](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billPdf.xhtml?bill_id=202520260HR36&version=20250HR3699INT) – Cancer **ADOPTED**

Introduced by Assemblymember Robert Garcia (D), HR 36 designates the second week of May as lung cancer awareness week. The resolution was adopted by the Assembly May 15.

**COLORADO**

[SB 45](https://leg.colorado.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2025A/bills/2025a_045_01.pdf) – Single Payer **ENACTED**

Introduced by Senator Sonya Jaquez (D), SB 45 creates a collaborative advisory group to analyze a universal health-care system. Governor Jared Polis (D) signed the bill into law May 14.

**DELAWARE**

[SB 12](https://legiscan.com/DE/bill/SB12/2025) – Prior Authorization

Introduced by Senator Bryan Townsend (D), SB 12 shortens the response time for prior authorization (PA) requests, requiring electronic submissions to be addressed within 24 hours for urgent services and 3 business days for non-urgent services; requires all health insurers to accept electronic PA requests by January 1, 2027; extends the validity of PA from 60 to 90 days; requires adverse determinations to be made by a health care provider licensed in the same or similar medical specialty as the requesting health care provider. The bill was introduced in the Senate and is pending referral to a committee.

[SCR 81](https://legiscan.com/DE/bill/SCR81/2025) – STOP THE BLEED® **ADOPTED**

Introduced by Senator Marie Pinkney (D), SCR 81 designates May 22, 2025, as Stop the Bleed Day. The resolution was adopted by the Senate May 20.

**FLORIDA**

[SB 158](https://flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2025/158/BillText/er/PDF) – Cancer **ENACTED**

Introduced by Senator Lori Berman (D), SB 158 requires health insurers to provide no cost sharing diagnostic and supplemental breast exams. Governor Ron DeSantis (R) signed the bill into law May 20.

**GEORIGA**

[SB 5](https://www.legis.ga.gov/api/legislation/document/20252026/232267) – Prior Authorization **ENACTED**

Introduced by Senator Kay Kirkpatrick (R), SB 5 requires health insurers to implement a program to reduce prior authorizations based on the health care professional’s adherence to evidence-based medicine. Governor Brian Kemp (R) signed the bill into law May 14.

**LOUISIANA**

[SB 155](https://www.legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1414986) – Trauma

Introduced by Senator Jeremy Stine (R), SB 155 allows licensed trauma surgeons to equip their private vehicles with emergency lights when responding to emergencies. The bill was introduced in the Senate and referred to the Transportation, Highways, and Public Works Committee.

**MARYLAND**

[HB 459](https://legiscan.com/MD/bill/HB459/2025) – Cancer **ENACTED**

Introduced by Delegate Andrew Pruski (D), HB 459 requires counties to provide no cost sharing cancer screenings for firefighters. Governor Wes Moore (D) signed the bill into law May 20.

[HB 757](https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2025RS/bills/hb/hb0757t.pdf) – Cancer **ENACTED**

Introduced by Delegate Anne Kaiser (D), HB 757 sets a minimum of one million dollars authorized in the annual budget to fund a cancer screening program for firefighters, with a budget of at least $3 million annually. Governor Wes Moore (D) signed the bill into law May 20.

[HB 1086](https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2025RS/bills/hb/hb1086f.pdf) – Insurance **ENACTED**

Introduced by Delegate Ashanti Martinez (D), HB 1086 requires health insurers provide coverage for anesthesia services for the entire duration of medical procedures without time limits. Governor Wes Moore (D) signed the bill into law May 20.

[SB 374](https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2025RS/bills/sb/sb0374f.pdf) – Cancer **ENACTED**

Introduced by Senator Pamela Beidle (D), SB 374 requires counties to provide no cost sharing preventative cancer screenings for professional firefighters. Governor Wes Moore (D) signed the bill into law May 20.

[SB 423](https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2025RS/bills/sb/sb0423f.pdf) – Licensure **ENACTED**

Introduced by Senator Pamela Beidle (D), SB 423 requires medical licensees to report changes in name or address within ten days; provides confidentiality protection for individuals involved in disciplinary proceedings; requires reporting of disciplinary actions taken by hospitals. Governor Wes Moore (D) signed the bill into law May 20.

[SB 474](https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2025RS/bills/sb/sb0474f.pdf) – Prior Authorization **ENACTED**

Introduced by Senator Pamela Beidle (D), SB 474 requires health insurers to report quarterly on adverse prior authorization decisions to the insurance commissioner. Governor Wes Moore (D) signed the bill into law May 20.

**MICHIGAN**

[SB 303](https://www.legislature.mi.gov/documents/2025-2026/billintroduced/Senate/pdf/2025-SIB-0303.pdf) – Licensure

Introduced by Senator Roger Hauck (R), SB 303 allows the state to join the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact. The bill was introduced in the Senate and referred to the Health Policy Committee.

**MINNESOTA**

[HF 3334](https://www.revisor.mn.gov/bills/text.php?number=HF3334&version=0&session=ls94&session_year=2025&session_number=0&format=pdf) – Insurance

Introduced by Representative Anquam Mahamoud (D), HF 3334 requires the reviewing physician for a utilization review organization to contact the attending health care professional to obtain more details on the medical necessity of the service; allows enrollees to sue for wrongful denials of prior authorizations. The bill was introduced in the House and referred to the Health Finance, and Policy Committee.

**NEVADA**

[SB 495](https://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/83rd2025/Bills/SB/SB495.pdf) – Restrictive Covenant/ Prior Authorization

Introduced by the Health and Human Services Committee, SB 495 prohibits noncompete clauses in all cases other than in part of an agreement for the sale of the ownership interest of a medical practice; requires health insurers to create an electronic portal for prior authorizations; requires grants to be prioritized for underserved areas. The bill was introduced in the Senate and referred to the Health and Human Services Committee.

**NEW HAMPSHIRE**

[HB 606](https://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/bill_status/legacy/bs2016/billText.aspx?sy=2025&id=889&txtFormat=pdf&v=current) - Criminalization

Introduced by Representative Ellen Read (D), HB 606 prohibits physicians from denying reproductive care that may result in sterilization based on the patient's age, number of children, or perceived future reproductive desires if the patient is 18 years or older and has a physiological medical condition that may necessitate such treatment; physicians who violate this prohibition may be subject to disciplinary action by the board of medicine. The bill was introduced in the House and referred to the Health, Human Services, and Elderly Affairs Committee.

**NEW JERSEY**

[A 5673](https://pub.njleg.state.nj.us/Bills/2024/A6000/5673_I1.PDF) – Trauma

Introduced by Assemblymember John Azzariti (R), A 5673 allows paramedics to administer blood products to patients in pre-hospital settings under medical oversight. The bill was introduced in the Assembly and referred to the Health Committee.

[A 5696](https://legiscan.com/NJ/bill/A5696/2024) – STOP THE BLEED®

Introduced by Assemblymember Carmen Morales (D), A 5696 allocates up to $500,000 for the purchase of tourniquets to be used in public schools; requires training on tourniquet use. The bill was filed in the Assembly and is pending introduction.

[S 4486](https://pub.njleg.state.nj.us/Bills/2024/S4500/4486_I1.PDF) – Cancer

Introduced by Senator Britnee Timberlake (D), S 4486 amends state law to require health insurers to provide coverage for mammograms for women starting at age 35 instead of 40 and those under 35 with risk factors; includes coverage for additional diagnostic testing if necessary. The bill was introduced in the Senate and referred to the Commerce Committee.

**NEW YORK**

[A 8472](https://legislation.nysenate.gov/pdf/bills/2025/A8472) – Rural Health Workforce

Introduced by Assemblymember Carrie Woerner (D), A 8472 establishes a pilot program allowing out-of-state licensed medical professionals to temporarily practice in designated underserved areas under the supervision of a state licensed physician; medical professionals practicing under temporary licensure for 180 days; subject to disciplinary oversight by the state medical board. The bill was introduced in the House and referred to the Higher Education Committee.

[A 8505](https://legislation.nysenate.gov/pdf/bills/2025/A8505) – Cancer

Introduced by Assemblymember Michaelle Solages (D), A 8505 requires health insurers provide no cost-sharing coverage for mammography screenings, including mammograms, breast ultrasounds, or breast tomosynthesis, for individuals with dense breast tissue. The bill was introduced in the Assembly and referred to the Insurance Committee.

[A 8556](https://legislation.nysenate.gov/pdf/bills/2025/A8556) – Artificial Intelligence

Introduced by Assemblymember Pamela Hunter (D), A 8556 requires any insurer using artificial intelligence (AI) to ensure decisions are based on an individual's medical history and clinical circumstances; prohibits AI from denying, delaying, or modifying health care services based on medical necessity. The bill was introduced in the Assembly and referred to the Insurance Committee.

[S 7918](https://legislation.nysenate.gov/pdf/bills/2025/S7918) – Insurance

Introduced by Senator James Skoufis (D), S 7918 requires reimbursement for anesthesia services be based on medical necessity determined by the attending provider; prohibits health insurers from denying payments solely due to the duration of care exceeding a pre-set time limit. The bill was introduced in the Senate and referred to the Insurance Committee.

[S 7981](https://legislation.nysenate.gov/pdf/bills/2025/S7981) – Scope of Practice

Introduced by Senator Gustavo Rivera (D), S 7981 allows physician assistants (PAs) to practice independently after practicing for more than 6,000 hours and working in primary care or is credentialed by a health system or hospital. The bill was introduced in the Senate and referred to the Higher Education Committee.

**OHIO**

[HB 289](https://search-prod.lis.state.oh.us/api/v2/general_assembly_136/legislation/hb289/00_IN/pdf/) – Single Payer

Introduced by Representative Tristan Rader (D), HB 289 creates a universal health care coverage plan. The bill was introduced in the House and is pending referral to a committee.

**OKHLAHOMA**

[SB 1168](https://www.oklegislature.gov/cf_pdf/2025-26%20ENR/SB/SB1168%20ENR.PDF) – Professional Liability

Introduced by Senator Chuck Hall (R), SB 1168 increases the total liability of resident physicians and interns while participating in a graduate medical education program from $100,000 to $150,000; caps the liability limit for a physician providing services on-site but not employed by a hospital in a county with a population under 75,000 people at $1 million; liability limits under the governmental tort claims act will be adjusted for inflation, up to a maximum of four percent per five year period. The bill was introduced in the Senate and referred to the Appropriations Committee.

**RHODE ISLAND**

[HR 6339](https://webserver.rilegislature.gov/BillText/BillText25/HouseText25/H6339.pdf) – Cancer **ADOPTED**

Introduced by Representative June Speakman (D), HR 6339 designates May 2025, as national skin cancer awareness month. The resolution was adopted by the House May 15.

**WISCONSIN**

[AB 263](https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2025/related/proposals/ab263.pdf) – Cancer

Introduced by Representative Cindi Duchow (R), AB 263 requires health insurers and Medicaid to provide no cost-sharing coverage for diagnostic and supplemental breast cancer screenings. The bill was introduced in the Assembly and referred to the Health, Aging and Long-Term Care Committee.

[SB 258](https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2025/related/proposals/sb258.pdf) – Scope of Practice

Introduced by Senator Patrick Testin (R), SB 258 allows advanced practice registered nurses (APRN) and certified registered nurse anesthetists (CRNA) to practice independently after completing 3,840 hours of professional nursing in a collaborative setting and have practiced for 24 months; requires independently practicing APRNs and CRNAs to have medical malpractice insurance; requires APRNs who have qualified to practice independently and who practice outside a collaborative to participate in the Injured Patients and Families Compensation Fund. The bill was introduced in the Senate and referred to the Health Committee.

[SB 264](https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2025/related/proposals/sb264.pdf) – Cancer

Introduced by Senator Rachael Cabral-Guevara (R), SB 264 requires health insurers, including self-insured government health plans and preferred provider plans to provide no cost-sharing coverage for diagnostic and supplemental breast cancer screenings. The bill was introduced in the Senate and referred to the Health Committee.