

State	NPI Independent	Tort Reform	Mental Health	Healthcare staff safety	Medicaid issues	Prudent Layperson	Out of Network Payment	Optoid Policies and Mandates	Payment for EP Standby Time/Uninsured Patients	Mandates on EP/ED Practice	Other Leg	Local Favor	Date Integrity	Contact	
Rhode Island	The PA's had proposed a bill that would have sought to remove all collaborative language from the current law. We were not made aware of this effort in advance but they have since decided to pull the bill but plan to reintroduce it again next session.	We have notified on HR 7033 which would establish a special legislative committee to study and provide recommendations for healthcare liability and reform.		Currently per RI general law it is a felony for assaulting a healthcare worker	Very active in advocating for increased reimbursement however due to the current local catastrophe regarding the deterioration of our of our main bridge the providence. Currently under investigation by DOJ but increased funding is on hold. (Rates have not been updated in many years)						Regarding population based research. Currently Rhode Island state law conflicts with the federal approach and effectively prevents some of our research, even in cases where it would be appropriate and safe for research subjects and otherwise permissible under federal regulations. Rhode Islanders are excluded from national studies informing treatment and prevention of critical illnesses, including negative the extensive national clinical guidelines. We are advocating to change this.		3/1/2024	Joshua.Lewis@legis.state.ri.us www@joshualewis.com	
South Carolina	We continue to fight a Full Practice Authority bill that has been introduced in the subcommittee of the Senate Medical Affairs committee by (State Senator Tom Davis). We do not expect the bill to get much traction this session. We will be starting the second of our two year sessions and the head of the committee, Senator VanDerKam (daughter of Santa Monica Physician) is strongly against the bill and does not plan to give it a hearing. But we are keeping an eye out for any movement. We met with Senator Davis during our state legislative day with a group of other physicians for approximately one hour to discuss our concerns about unregulated practice. He did agree that EDs should always have a physician present however we were unfortunately unable to discuss him to withdraw the bill. He unfortunately seems to be making this a big campaign issue.			This has been a long and frustrating battle for us. We are one of only three states that have no universal protection for assaulting a healthcare worker. We have been trying for years, to address this. We have one legislator that is staunchly opposed to any "tamper code" for special groups. We have met with him many many times in the past and he won't budge. We are trying to find creative ways to get around him. At the recommendation of Congressman Joe Wilson's legislative aide from our discussion about SAVE during LAC this year, we are trying to address this with the state's Attorney General Alan Wilson (Law's son) and keep pushing forward.											
South Dakota	NP have full independent practice PA multiple attempts, but have this far failed	Excluding 500k cap on non-economic damages			Just passed medicare expansion as a ballot measure, but has yet to take effect		None active	None active	None active				1/1/2023	Kristen Baska (SD chapter president)	
Texas	Practice under delegation agreements--there are annual attempts to get rid of this requirement	Major medical liability reforms passed in 2003. Non-economic damages capped at \$250,000 for physicians. \$175,000 for other healthcare providers and combined entity. Proposition 12 adopted this to the state constitution. Legal defense is "Willful and Wanton" conduct to prove negligence vs emergency care physicians.		Third degree felony to assault emergency services personnel while providing emergency services	Have not adopted Medicaid expansion		As of January 1, 2020, SB 1264 banned out of network business billing for plans regulated by the Texas Department of Insurance and the HealthCare reform system. Established an IDR process.	Prescribers must query the Prescription drug monitoring program database when prescribing Schedule 2 drugs. Showing order available to 800 participants in pharmacies for Nativity since SB 1462 passed in 2019	None	None			2/1/2023	del@jason@jason.com	
Utah	NP bringing independent practice. PA annual expansion attempt, currently needs supervision within hospitals	Lingshending, with preflight panels, affidavit of merit. 2022	UMA supporting legislation to expand care. Last year multiple new psych residency slots opened, and telehealth expanded.	Class A misdemeanor to assault or threaten Class 3 felony if causes serious bodily harm. Since 2016 for ED staff, 2022 for any healthcare worker. Equivalent to LEO.	None		None	None	None	None			12/7/22	Jim Aronson	
West Virginia	Legal independent practice (after 2y of collaboration). In practice, IPA is being fought at the hospital association and payor level.	Caps in place since early 2000s. Legislation to require a covering Certificate of Need was supported by WVACGP	Supporting development of pediatric mental health centers. Also, working with hospital association to improve Medicaid reimbursement	Supported legislation passed in 2020 to make violence against HCW's and EMS a felony	None		None	mandated to check database	None	None			1/1/2023	Darby Cleveland (WV EMT) and Christopher Gossett (WV state medical association legislative chair)	
Wisconsin	NP increased scope of practice bill vetoed by Gov last session, expected to try again this year	Nothing active	We expect there to be legislation and provisions in the Governor's budget related to existing mental health programming, potentially creating more beds and more access to crisis stabilization	Nothing active	Gov repeatedly supports expansion, doesn't get legislative traction. Also, we achieved an increase in Medicaid reimbursement for emergency services in 2021, implemented in 2022. We are working now for another increase in the budget coming up to be implemented in 2024.		Nothing active	None	None	None			None	Lisa Mauer	