

ACP-Supported Bills for Leadership Day 2022 May 17-18, 2022

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ACCESS TO CARE

[H.R. 340](#), the *Incentivizing Medicaid Expansion Act of 2021*, to expand federal matching assistance for states that choose to expand Medicaid, regardless of when such expansion takes place.

[H.R. 369](#), the *Health Care Affordability Act of 2021*, to expand eligibility for premium tax credits under the Affordable Care Act (ACA).

MENTAL AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

[H.R. 5218](#), the *Collaborate in an Orderly and Cohesive Manner Act*, to provide grants through the Department of Health and Human Services to primary care physicians who choose to deliver behavioral health care through the Collaborate Care Model (CoCM).

PRESCRIPTION DRUG REFORM

[S. 898](#), the *Fair Drug Pricing Act*, to require drug companies to disclose and provide more information about imminent drug-price increases, including data about research and development costs.

[S. 833](#), the *Empowering Medicare Seniors to Negotiate Drug Prices Act of 2021*, to help to reduce drug prices and out-of-pocket costs by allowing the federal government to negotiate lower drug prices on behalf of Medicare beneficiaries.

[S. 464](#) and [H.R. 2163](#), the *Safe Step Act*, to ensure patient access to appropriate treatments based on clinical decision-making and medical necessity rather than arbitrary step therapy protocols.

PRIMARY CARE AND THE PHYSICIAN WORKFORCE

[H.R. 2256](#) and [S. 834](#), the *Resident Physician Reduction Shortage Act of 2021*, to increase the number of GME slots by at least 2,000 per year over seven years (14,000 slots) for specialties facing shortages, including internal medicine.

[S. 1024](#), the *Healthcare Workforce Resilience Act*, to recapture 40,000 unused visas and use them to provide additional green cards to 15,000 physicians and 25,000 professional nurses.

[H.R. 3541](#) and [S. 1810](#), the *Conrad State 30 and Physician Access Reauthorization Act*, to allow states to sponsor foreign-trained physicians to work in medically underserved areas in exchange for a waiver of the physicians' two-year foreign residence requirement.

[H.R.4122](#) and [S.3658](#), the *Resident Education Deferred Interest (REDI) Act*, to make it possible for residents to defer interest on their loans.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND PANDEMIC PREPAREDNESS

[H.R. 2903](#) and [S. 1512](#), the *CONNECT for Health Act* and [H.R. 6202](#) and [S. 3593](#), the *Telehealth Extension Act of 2021*, to remove arbitrary restrictions on where a patient must be located to utilize telehealth services; enable patients to continue to receive telehealth services in their homes; ensure federally-qualified health centers and rural health centers can furnish telehealth services and improve data collection and analysis for at least two years.

ADDITIONAL BILLS

H.R. 1025, the *Kids' Access to Primary Care Act*, to increase access to health coverage for Medicaid patients by achieving payment parity for primary care services under Medicaid and Medicare.

H.R. 1280, the *George Floyd Justice in Policing Act of 2021*, to overhaul qualified immunity for law enforcement, prohibit racial profiling on the part of law enforcement and ban no-knock warrants in federal drug cases and chokeholds and carotid holds at the federal level.

H.R. 5, the *Equality Act*, to prohibit discrimination based on sex, sexual orientation and gender identity in public accommodations and facilities, education, federal housing credit and the jury system.

S. 937 and **H.R. 1843**, the *Hate Crimes Act*, to denounce discrimination against Asian Americans and create a new position at Justice to expedite reviews of potential COVID-19-related hate crimes. This bill was passed by both chambers.

H.R. 666 and **S. 162**, the *Anti-Racism in Public Health Act of 2021*, to establish within the CDC a National Center on Anti-racism and Health for data collection and research and a law enforcement violence prevention program.

H.R. 8, the *Bipartisan Background Checks Act*, to establish new background check requirements for firearm transfers between private parties.

H.R. 3271 and **S. 1702**, the *Climate Change Health Protection and Promotion Act*, to take important steps, to mitigate the harmful impact of climate change on health.