



AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF  
ORTHOPAEDIC SURGEONS

# 2024 Unified Advocacy Agenda (UAA)

# Tier 1 – Active Pursuit

Reform prior authorization and coverage reviews

Appropriate Medicare payment reform

Support medical liability reform at the federal and state level

Maintain surgeon/patient primacy in setting of care

Support repealing the ban on physician owned hospitals

Encourage surgeon led, sustainable, mutually beneficial value-based models that promote opportunities for surgeons to act as conveners of risk and reward.

## Tier 2 – Opportunistic Action

Telemedicine policies that promote equal reimbursement with in-person visits

Support efforts to reduce hospital consolidation

Encourage surgeon led value based programs and surgeon led care teams

Encourage site neutral payments as appropriate

Appropriate payment transparency

Support reforms to Stark laws

Support repealing certificate of need laws

Increase/maintain federal funding for research in MSK care to strengthen available evidence on specialty MSK care including patient outcomes

# Tier 3 – Actively Tracking

Better electronic medical records and interoperability standards

Increase diversity in orthopaedics

Support Appropriate Risk Adjustment in value based models

Quality reporting

Increase residency funding for specialties

Advocate for increased guidance from the FDA on novel biologics

Encourage laws that improve network adequacy

Increase awareness of policy makers on the different categories of biologics and their utilization in evidence-based MSK care

Surgeon autonomy of device selection

Advocate for increased cooperation between FDA and CMS on biologics and biosimilars that regulations are in line with reimbursements for these therapies

Assist in curbing current epidemic of unnecessary opioid use while maintaining physician autonomy in prescribing

Drug and device safety

Help in authorization of the User Fee Acts

National Quality Forum (NQF) reauthorization