ACP-Supported Bills for Leadership Day 2021

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**EXPAND HEALTH COVERAGE AND AFFORDABILITY**

**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 ACA.

**TRAIN AND SUPPORT FRONTLINE PHYSICIANS DURING AND AFTER COVID-19**

**H.R. 2256**/**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.

**H.R. 1554** (116th Congress), the *Resident Education Deferred Interest Act*, to allow borrowers to qualify for interest-free deferment on their student loans while serving in a medical or dental internship or residency program.

**S. 948**, the *Conrad State 30 and Physician Access Reauthorization Act* (116th Congress) and **S. 3599** (116th Congress), the *Healthcare Workforce Resilience Act*, to support the COVID-19 response workforce by expediting visas for international medical graduates (IMGs) to enter the U.S. for training and patient care, permanently authorizing the Conrad 30 Program, and providing a pathway for IMGs and their families already in the U.S to obtain permanent residency status.

**H.R. 2418**, the *Student Loan Forgiveness for Frontline Health Workers Act*, to forgive student loans for physicians and other clinicians who are on the frontlines of providing care to COVID-19 patients or helping the health care system cope with the COVID-19 public health emergency.

**H.R. 1667**/**S. 610**, the *Dr. Lorna Breen Health Care Provider Protection Act*, to address the behavioral health and well-being of physicians, including depression, suicides and burnout.

**SUPPORT THE VALUE OF PRIMARY AND COMPREHENSIVE CARE**

**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.

**IMPROVE ACCESS TO PRESCRIPTION DRUGS AND REDUCE COSTS**

**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. 141**, the *End Taxpayer Subsidies for Drug Ads Act*, to end the federal tax deduction that pharmaceutical companies use to pay for drug advertising.

**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.
Support Essential Public Health and Research Initiatives

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

**H.R. 3076/S. 506**, the Extreme Risk Protection Order Act from the 116th Congress, to establish a grant program to help states and Indian tribes implement extreme risk protection order laws and expands categories of individuals who are prohibited from receiving, possessing, shipping, or transporting a firearm.

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

**PROMOTE HEALTH EQUITY, SOCIAL JUSTICE, AND ELIMINATE DISPARITIES**

**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/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/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. 959/S. 346**, the Black Maternal Health Momnibus Act of 2021, to reduce preventable maternal mortality and severe maternal morbidity in the U.S. and close disparities in maternal health outcomes, particularly among pregnant minority women.

**EXPAND ACCESS TO TELEHEALTH SERVICES AND PROMOTE PATIENT SAFETY/PRIVACY**

**H.R. 2903/S. 1512**, the CONNECT for Health Act, would remove arbitrary barriers to telehealth services such as geographic and site of service restrictions.

**H.R. 708/S. 168**, the Temporary Reciprocity to Ensure Access to Treatment Act or the “TREAT Act”, to ensure that telehealth services can be provided across states lines after the public health emergency ends.