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Opioid Epidemic Act - Special Session Recap

During its special session last week called by Governor Ducey, the House and Senate unanimously passed [SB 1001](#), referred to as the [Arizona Opioid Epidemic Act](#), which makes numerous sweeping changes to opioid prescribing, substance abuse prevention and treatment, public safety, and other reforms. Governor Ducey signed SB 1001 into law Friday, January 26, 2018. Unless specified otherwise, the provisions in the new law go into effect 90 days after passage so most of the provisions in SB 1001 will become effective April 26, 2018.

In partnership with the Arizona Medical Association, AOMA physicians, staff, and lobbyists worked tirelessly to advocate for provisions to protect vulnerable patients; examples include exceptions for patient types/circumstances, delayed effective dates for implementation, and additional resources for substance abuse treatment. In addition, the collective physician advocacy efforts helped leverage critical reforms to reduce health plan prior authorization restrictions to improve access to non-opioid therapies.

Understanding the New Law

It is critical that physicians begin working to understand the new law and its impending prescriber regulations. There are numerous provisions that will impact physicians including new limits on quantities, dosages, checking the Prescription Monitoring Program, reporting requirements, e-prescribing, licensure of pain management clinics, and various other regulations.

To help you get started, AOMA has prepared a detailed presentation explaining all of the critical components of the new law and how they will apply to you and your practice:

[AOMA Overview of Opioid Epidemic Act Special Session Legislation](#)

We will be developing additional educational materials in the upcoming weeks. Please contact the

AOMA office at 602-266-6699 or communications@az-osteo.org if you have any questions or need more information.

New Year. New Name. New Look.



The AOMA eNewsletter has a new name and new look. To reflect recent changes to membership and expanded CME offerings, the Association's monthly e-news is now the **AOMA Dispatch**. Watch your email inbox for the AOMA Dispatch every month, packed with timely information for healthcare professionals.

Got an item for the AOMA Dispatch? Send it to communications@az-osteo.org for consideration.

AOMA Legislative Affairs - 2018 Critical Healthcare Issues

With the opioid special session now completed, the Arizona State Legislature is back in full speed again, having introduced more than 1,024 bills in 23 days. The AOMA Legislative and Student Legislative Affairs Committee has been busy working through dozens of bills of interest to analyze their impact and ensure that patients and physicians are protected. If you would like to see the full list of [bills](#) of interest AOMA is tracking, visit the [AOMA Advocacy Resource Center](#).

Some of the critical issues AOMA is focusing on this legislative session are expediting provider credentialing, removing restrictions on cheaper medication options for patients, raising the tobacco age to 21, protecting the KidsCare program from enrollment freezes, and various public health initiatives.

Please make sure to sign up for [DO Day at the Legislature](#) to learn more about these and other issues. If you have any questions, please contact Pete Wertheim, AOMA Executive Director, at pwertheim@az-osteo.org or call 602-266-6699.

Board of Examiners CME Extension Request Deadline is TODAY

Osteopathic physicians whose license renewal period ended December 31, 2017 and who need to request an extension of time to comply with continuing medical education requirements need to submit the request by midnight **January 30, 2018**. The form is available on the Arizona Board of

Osteopathic Examiners website at <http://azdo.gov/Files/CMERequestForExtension12312017.pdf>. Questions? Call the Board at 480-677-7703.

Advocate for Your Profession - RSVP for DO Day at the Legislature

Who: DOs and osteopathic medical students

What: Wear your white coat and meet with legislators, accompanied by an AOMA physician member.

Additionally, leadership from the Governor's office and the Senate and House Health committees will come and speak to the group

Where: Arizona State Legislature, 1700 W. Washington St., Phoenix, AZ 85007

When: Tuesday, February 20, 2018

Why: To discuss issues impacting osteopathic medicine

How: Registration will be available on the AOMA website.

Go to www.az-osteo.org/DODayRSVP



AOMA Annual Convention - Early Registration Deadline is March 11, 2018

The early registration deadline for the AOMA 96th Annual Convention is March 11, 2018. This is the largest annual medical conference in Arizona and will be held April 11 - 15, 2018 at the Hilton Scottsdale Resort & Villas.

Register today at www.az-osteo.org/2018Conv.

The theme of the 2018 Convention is Shifting the Paradigm. The five-day CME event is anticipated to offer more than 35.0 hours of AOA Category 1-A credit and has been approved for AMA PRA Category 1 creditsTM. Application will be filed for AAFP Prescribed credits. Determination of credits is pending.



[Download the Agenda](#)

Welcome New ArMA Executive Vice President

Libby McDannell, CAE, is the new Executive Vice President of the Arizona Medical Association (ArMA) effective November 27, 2017. McDannell replaces Chic Older, who retired in December, and will serve as the chief staff executive overseeing all association activities. McDannell has more than 15 years of executive management experience, specifically in the nonprofit, healthcare field. She served as the CEO/Executive Vice President of the American Society of Transplantation (AST), the largest organization of transplant professionals in North America. Prior to her position with AST,



McDannell served as Executive Director for three other national associations.

AACOM Osteopathic Medical Student Study

The American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine (AACOM) is conducting a research study as part of our continued commitment to fostering innovation and quality of education, and needs your help.

AACOM values your opinion and unique experience and perspective on osteopathic medicine and invites you to participate in our study. The purpose of the survey is to gain an objective view of the osteopathic medicine profession, and the study is designed to help us understand how to speak to and recruit the next generation of osteopathic physicians.

Participants who [complete the survey](#) will be automatically entered into a random drawing for a \$100 Amazon gift card. The winner will be notified in March 2018. To participate, simply [complete the survey](#) by **Friday, February 2, 2018**.

[Take the survey now](#)

This study is being conducted by AACOM partner Youth Marketing Connection (YMC). All responses are strictly confidential.

AOMA Annual Awards - Nominations Due March 1, 2018

The AOMA Annual Awards recognize outstanding service and contributions to the osteopathic medical profession in Arizona. Only AOMA members may submit an AOMA Award nomination form. Submit nominations to AOMA by March 1, 2018.

The AOMA Awards will be presented at the AOMA Annual Convention. The online nomination form plus the complete list of AOMA Awards and past recipients is available at www.az-osteop.org/Awards.



AOMA Awards

Still Time to Earn Big Bucks for Arizona Osteopathic Charities

The 2018 Waste Management Phoenix Open is in full swing but there is still time to make Arizona Osteopathic Charities a big bucks winner by making a pledge in the Birdies for Charity competition. Arizona Osteopathic Charities will receive every penny of collected pledges. To make a pledge online go to birdiesforcharityaz.com. Deadline to pledge is February 4th.



Physician Participants Sought for Clinical Dissertation

Laura Jurewicz, a doctoral candidate at Midwestern University Clinical Psychology Program, is seeking osteopathic physicians to participate in a survey for her dissertation to examine how death and anxiety affects osteopathic medicine physician's choices in treatment populations, specifically its relationship to one's choice to work with the elderly. Fifty participants are needed. If you are interested in participating in this survey, contact Ms. Jurewicz at ljurewicz13@midwestern.edu

Patients are Looking for YOU!



Update Your Profile!

One of the benefits of AOMA membership is the Find a Physician public directory search. Make sure your practice information is up to date by logging in to your member profile on the AOMA website. When you do, prospective patients and potential referring physicians will be able to find you.

Join AOMA

Not an AOMA Member?

Join today and be a part of the 97-year tradition of the Arizona Osteopathic Medical Association!

Membership in AOMA is an affordable vehicle to keep abreast of national and local issues, protect your professional practice, enhance your specialized skills, further your career, and be a part of the future of osteopathic medicine in Arizona.

Refer a new AOMA member and receive at \$100 credit. Go to www.az-osteo.org/Recruit

Arizona Vaccine News



[AzDHS Immunization Program Website](#)

[CDC Immunization Schedules](#)

AOMA Calendar of Events www.az-osteo.org

AOMA Board of Trustees Meeting- February 10, 2018

AOMA DO Day at the Legislature- February 20, 2018

AOMA Board of Trustees Meeting- April 11, 2018

AOMA 96th Annual Convention- April 11-15, 2018

AOMA House of Delegates- April 13, 2018

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