



AOMA DISPATCH

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Major Successes for AOMA Physicians - 54th Legislative Session Adjourns

After a grueling 135-day legislative session, the Arizona Legislature adjourned Tuesday after passing an \$11.8 million budget. There were many notable takeaways from the 54th legislative session highlighted by excess revenue for spending on education, public safety, healthcare, and replenishing the rainy day fund. Governor Ducey was successful negotiating many of his [priorities](#) along with the Republicans in the House and Senate.

At the forefront of the budget were several AOMA priorities including:

- \$9.9 million phased-in for graduate medical education programs through 2021
- \$750,000 for state loan repayment in northern Arizona
- \$1.6 million to eliminate the KidsCare enrollment freeze
- \$1 million for prenatal telemedicine equipment for rural hospitals

There were many notable bills of interest AOMA supported which passed. Here are a few favorites:

- [HB 2494](#) (Rep. Cobb) – Health plan reforms to require transparent practices and alternatives to virtual credit/electronic processing fees and eliminate silent network transfers
- [HB 2166](#) (Rep. Barto) – Prohibits health plan/PBM co-pay accumulator practices that prevent third party medication payment assistance for patients
- [SB 1105](#) (Sen. Carter) - Ensures direct primary care agreements are not subjected to health insurance regulatory requirements

AOMA applauds Governor Ducey for his leadership and all of the legislators for a successful and productive legislative session. Stay tuned for the AOMA 2019 Legislative Report with comprehensive details on all of the activities and bills of interests that passed in the 2019 legislative session.

Renew Your AOMA Membership - Protect and Promote Your Profession

Thank you to all our members for your membership and support. AOMA membership is insurance for your profession and peace of mind knowing that we are working on your behalf and unwavering in our commitment to protect your best interests. The June 2019 membership cycle expires soon, so please renew your membership today.

Top 10 Reasons to Renew Your AOMA Membership

- 1000+ Fantastic Members
- Advocacy for Your Profession
- Continuing Education
- Networking and Professional Support
- Career Center
- Patient Referrals
- AOMA Digest & Dispatch Monthly E-Newsletter
- DO Day at the Legislature
- Business of Medicine Support
- Best way to stay in touch with your profession



Please help us save paper and postage [renew](#) your membership online today. Click on the Renew button.

Congratulations Graduates

On Friday, May 24, 2019, A.T. Still University School of Osteopathic Medicine in Arizona graduated 106 osteopathic medical students during its commencement ceremony at the Mesa Arts Center Ikeda Theater in Mesa, Arizona.

Midwestern University Arizona College of Osteopathic Medicine conferred osteopathic medical degrees to 228 candidates on May 29, 2019 in the Midwestern University Auditorium in Glendale, Arizona.



Congratulations to the Class of 2019!

Welcome New Student Leadership

The AOMA Board of Trustees welcomes new Student Trustees. Representing A.T. Still University School of Osteopathic Medicine in Arizona (SOMA) is Darien Kinne, OMS IV. Midwestern University Arizona College of Medicine (AZCOM) is represented by Kelly Champlin, MS, OMS III.

Student Delegates and Alternate Delegates to the AOMA House of Delegates are Delegate Jay Olson, OMS III and Alternate Delegate Aubrey Ingram, OMS III from AZCOM and Delegate Timothy Durr, OMS II and Spandana Madhava, OMS II from SOMA.

The future of osteopathic medicine in Arizona is bright.

Announcing New Arizona Opioid Prescriber Education Program

Stay tuned for the impending launch of the new Arizona Opioid Prescriber Education Program, AzRxEd, a free online continuing medical education program for health care professionals.



The program provides current and essential information about Arizona's opioid laws and regulations, prescribing guidelines and treatment options for opioid use disorder. The course modules are accredited for all types of physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, and pharmacists and are applicable to the three-hours of continuing medical education required by Arizona law.

The interactive online modules were developed by a multidisciplinary team of health care professionals led by the Arizona Osteopathic Medical Association and Arizona State University's College of Health Solutions. The program is funded through a State Targeted Response Grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) by the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) and the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS).

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5th Annual Flagstaff Osteopathic Medical Conference

Earn CME in the cool pines of Flagstaff and attend the 5th Annual Flagstaff Osteopathic Medical Conference.

- What** 5th Annual Flagstaff Osteopathic Medical Conference
- When** Saturday, August 17, 2019
7:30 am to 4 pm
- Where** Flagstaff Medical Center
McGee Auditorium
1200 N Beaver St
Flagstaff, AZ 86004
- Cost** \$25 for AOMA/ArMA Members
\$60 for Nonmembers
- Register** www.az-oste.org/FOMC

The AOMA designates this program for a maximum of of 7.50 hours of AOA Category 1-A CME

credits and will report CME credits commensurate with the extent of the physician's participation in this activity. This activity has been approved for *AMA PRA 1 creditsTM*. Full agenda is pending.

For more information, contact Teresa Roland, AOMA Director of Education, at teresa@az-osteo.org or 602-266-6699.

AOMA 39th Annual Fall Seminar - Call for Abstracts

The Arizona Osteopathic Medical Association (AOMA) will hold its 38th Annual Fall Seminar in Tucson, Arizona on November 2 & 3, 2019. The theme of the Seminar is ***Honoring Our Heritage, Shaping Our Future***.

The AOMA Professional Education Committee invites you to submit an abstract for a lecture at the Seminar. Lectures are 55 or 85 minutes in length including 5 to 10 minutes for questions. To submit an abstract for consideration the following criteria must be met:

- The abstract must be submitted by an active member of the Arizona Osteopathic Medical Association
- Physician lecturer must be board certified in his/her specialty
- The lecture must incorporate osteopathic practices and principles

If your lecture is chosen by the Committee for presentation, you will be notified by June 30, 2019 and sent a speaker agreement for completion. Download the criteria for abstract submission at www.az-osteo.org/abstract.

Abstract and CV must be emailed to Teresa Roland, AOMA Director of Education, at teresa@az-osteo.org by **June 7, 2019**.

Justin Bohall Named Executive Director of Osteopathic Board

The Arizona Board of Osteopathic Examiners in Medicine and Surgery is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Justin Bohall as the new Executive Director for the Board. Mr. Bohall most recently served as the Executive Director for the State of Arizona Board of Chiropractic Examiners and brings with him ten years' experience working in and around state government and the legislature. In addition to his demonstrated experience, Mr. Bohall has a well-rounded knowledge base for the understanding of the Osteopathic profession and overall medical and professional licensure. Mr. Bohall's tenure began on April 15, 2019.

Welcome, Mr. Bohall.

Free Waiver Training to Prescribe Buprenorphine

Arizona Complete Health is sponsoring a FREE training for providers to qualify for a waiver to prescribe buprenorphine and equip doctors with a vital medication-assisted treatment tools. This online or live-streamed training will be conducted by the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM).

For more information, please visit:

<https://www.azcompletehealth.com/providers/resources/provider-training/asam-training.html>

New EHR Reporting Programs - Open Forums

The Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC) has contracted with the Urban Institute and its subcontractor, HealthTech Solutions, to obtain stakeholder input on how to develop the EHR Reporting Program through public open forums across the country. Forums will be held Monday, June 10, 2019 and Tuesday, June 11, 2019 for various practice foci. All forums will be held at the Maricopa Integrated Health Systems Campus at 2601 E. Roosevelt St., Phoenix, AZ 85008. Please [download](#) the information flyer [here](#) for complete information including forum focus, dates, times, and MIHS location.

Input from practitioners will help determine:

- What information should developers of certified health IT report? What information from users could be made available?
- How that information is collected
- How this information will be disseminated to the public (for example, would you prefer a product comparison website, data in a spreadsheet, or something else)?



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Arizona Vaccine News



AzDHS Immunization Program Website

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of osteopathic medicine in Arizona.

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[T.I.P.S. Training](#)

[AIPO Training](#)

[CDC Immunization Schedules](#)

[AOMA Calendar of Events-www.az-osteo.org](http://www.az-osteo.org)

AOMA Board of Trustees Meeting - June 29, 2019

5th Annual Flagstaff Osteopathic Medical Conference - August 17, 2019

Dinner with Doctors - Friday, October 18, 2019

AOMA Board of Trustees Meeting - November 1, 2019

AOMA 39th Annual Fall Seminar - November 2 & 3, 2019

AOMA House of Delegates - November 2, 2019



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