

# APA Advocacy Activities

1/20/2025 - 5/14/25

## Government Agencies

- 2/6/25 Coalition Press Release: [Statement from Leading Physician Groups on Removal of Data and Guidance from Federal Websites](#)
- 4/2/25 Coalition Press Release: [Statement from Leading Mental Health and Substance Use Organizations on Drastic HHS Staffing Reductions](#)

## LGBTQ+

- 2/13/25 Advocacy Letter: [APA Letter to Meta on Revised Hateful Conduct Policy \(.pdf\)](#)
- 2/28/25 APA Press Release: [APA Statement on Gender Dysphoria and Military Readiness](#)

## MAHA Executive Order

- 2/15/25 *Washington Post* Article: [Trump casts psychiatric and weight-loss drugs as threats to children](#)
- 2/18/25 Advocacy Letter: [APA & AACAP Letter to HHS Secretary Kennedy on Make America Healthy Again \(MAHA\) Initiative \(.pdf\)](#)
- 2/20/25 *Medscape* Article: [Trump Administration Review of Psychiatric Meds Raises Concerns](#)
- 2/24/25 *Mental Health Weekly* Article: [Field responds to HHS Kennedy's remarks about MH medications, reimbursements](#)
- 2/26/25 *The Hill* Article: [RFK Jr. targets childhood psychiatric drugs; doctors push back](#)
- 2/28/25 Advocacy Letter: [APA Joins Mental Health Liaison Group Letter to HHS Secretary Kennedy \(.pdf\)](#)
- 3/21/25 Coalition Press Release: [Joint Statement on Federal Concerns About Psychotropic Medication Safety](#)

## Medicaid

- 1/29/25 Advocacy Letter: [APA and Mental Health Coalition Letter Urges Congress to Protect Medicaid for People with Mental Health Conditions and Substance Use Disorders \(.pdf\)](#)
- 2/13/25 Coalition Press Release: [Leading Physician Groups: Medicaid Program Must Be Protected](#)
- 4/25/25 Advocacy Letter: [APA and Primary Care Coalition Partners Urge Congress to Protect Medicaid Funding \(.pdf\)](#)
- 5/13/25 Letter to Congressional Leadership: [Physician Organizations Speak Out Against Proposed Medicaid Changes](#)

## NIH Grant Funding

3/5/25 Advocacy Letter: [APA, Physician Groups Respond to Indirect Cost Cap for NIH Grants \(.pdf\)](#)

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## Parity

- 1/22/25 APA Press Release: [APA Statement on Concerning \[ERIC\] Lawsuit Challenging Final Parity Rules](#)
- 2/10/25 Coalition Press Release: [Statement from the CEO Alliance Expressing Disappointment with \[ERIC\] Lawsuit Challenging 2024 Parity Final Rules](#)

## Protecting Patients

- 5/1/25 Coalition Press Release: [Leading Physician Groups Oppose Infringements on Medical Care, Patient-Physician Relationship](#)
- 3/6/25 APA Press Release: [APA Statement Reaffirming Psychiatry's Commitment to Serve Diverse Populations and to Strive for Mental Health Equity](#)

## SAMHSA

- 3/17/25 APA Press Release: [APA Statement on Reported Cuts to SAMHSA](#)
- 3/18/25 Coalition Press Release: [Nation's Mental Health Leaders Express Concern about Proposed Cuts to SAMHSA](#)
- 4/30/25 Advocacy Letter: [APA Letter to HHS Secretary Kennedy Regarding Mental Health and Substance Use Programs \(.pdf\)](#)
- 5/14/25 Letter to Congress: [Outline for vision of future-ready mental health system](#)

## Telehealth

- 3/18/25 Advocacy Letter: [APA Provides Valuable Input on the DEA Telehealth Special Registration Proposed Rule \(.pdf\)](#)

## Withdrawal from WHO

- 1/24/25 APA Press Release: [Statement from Leading Physician Groups on Announcement to Withdraw U.S. from the World Health Organization](#)

## District Branch Advocacy Resources

Medicaid Tool Kit (included: background on budget reconciliation, talking points, social media graphics, draft Op-ed, draft letter to the governor, state specific data, place to share how cuts will affect their practice)

- [Template Op-ed on Protecting Medicaid \(.docx\)](#)
- [Template Op-ed on Physician Payments \(.docx\)](#)
- [Talking Points for MAHA Executive Order \(.pdf\)](#)



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