

# PENNSYLVANIA

The Healthcare Openness and Access Project (HOAP) measures how open and accessible each state's healthcare system is to patient and provider preferences. The overall HOAP index is the average of 10 categories below, referred to as subindexes in the study, each of which is in turn an average of multiple indicators.

The HOAP index ranks Pennsylvania near the middle of the 51 jurisdictions analyzed. Some of the state's highest scores are in the Public Health Subindex and the Provider Regulation Subindex and some of its lowest are in the Telemedicine Subindex and the Corporate Subindex. Pennsylvania's score and rank in each subindex are given below.

OVERALL RANK	SCORE	SCORE KEY
27	3.17 US MEAN: 3.17 US MEDIAN: 3.18	1 ← → 5 WORST SCORE      BEST SCORE
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## CORPORATE

5 = healthcare professionals and others have greatest flexibility with regard to ownership, business structure, and employment in healthcare sector

SCORE	US MEAN: 2.59
2.00	US MEDIAN: 2.00

### STUDY INDICATORS

- State allows the corporate practice of medicine
- State allows businesses to employ licensed healthcare professionals
- State allows nonlicensed individuals to own/operate medical entities
- State allows licensed individuals to split fees with nonlicensed individuals

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## INSURANCE

5 = insurers have greatest flexibility to determine structure and pricing of health insurance policies

SCORE	US MEAN: 3.40
3.40	US MEDIAN: 3.60

### STUDY INDICATORS

- State mandates fewer health insurance benefits
- State mandates less rate review
- State does not expand on federal age rating limitations
- State does not expand on federal tobacco rating limitations
- State does not expand on federal geographic rating limitations

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## OCCUPATIONAL REGULATION

5 = medical professionals have easiest access to licensure and employment and greatest discretion regarding services they offer

SCORE	US MEAN: 3.15
2.20	US MEDIAN: 3.40

### STUDY INDICATORS

- State allows medical licensure reciprocity with other states
- State has fewer continuing medical ed. requirements
- State allows nurse practitioners broad scope of practice
- State has fewer optician licensing requirements
- State allows direct-entry midwifery

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## PROVIDER REGULATION

5 = healthcare providers have greatest flexibility to determine hospital and pharmacy operations

SCORE	US MEAN: 2.69
4.67	US MEDIAN: 2.67

### STUDY INDICATORS

- State has fewer certificate-of-need restrictions
- State puts fewer restrictions on compounding pharmacies
- State lacks burdensome prescription monitoring mandates

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## TELEMEDICINE

5 = state's environment is most conducive for telemedicine practitioners

SCORE	US MEAN: 2.74
1.75	US MEDIAN: 2.50

### STUDY INDICATORS

- State reimburses Medicaid providers at parity for telemedicine
- State has less restrictive telepresenter requirements
- State reimburses Medicaid providers at parity for remote monitoring
- State allows online prescribing

Note: Order of subindexes does not reflect importance.

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DIRECT PRIMARY CARE

5 = state environment is most conducive to direct primary care (DPC) practices as an alternative method of financing primary care

SCORE 3.33 US MEAN: 3.02 US MEDIAN: 3.00

STUDY INDICATORS

- State has pro-DPC laws
State has higher market demand for DPC
State has more DPC practices per capita

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MEDICAL LIABILITY

5 = physicians and others are least constrained by threat of malpractice litigation

SCORE 3.00 US MEAN: 3.27 US MEDIAN: 3.33

STUDY INDICATORS

- Physicians pay fewer malpractice actions
Physicians pay lower malpractice premiums
State has adopted more reforms to modulate malpractice litigation

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PHARMACEUTICAL ACCESS

5 = patients have easiest access to certain classes of drugs, including experimental and unconventional treatments

SCORE 3.00 US MEAN: 2.98 US MEDIAN: 3.00

STUDY INDICATORS

- State allows greater access to experimental drugs
State allows access to medical marijuana
State allows easier access to pseudoephedrine
State allows over-the-counter access to oral contraceptives

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PUBLIC HEALTH

5 = residents have easiest access to substance abuse remedies and greatest discretion when offering medical assistance to others

SCORE 4.67 US MEAN: 4.22 US MEDIAN: 4.33

STUDY INDICATORS

- State allows access to e-cigarettes
State allows access to naloxone
State has strong "Good Samaritan" protection

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TAXATION

5 = state imposes lowest burden of taxation for certain healthcare services, financing methods, and devices

SCORE 3.67 US MEAN: 3.69 US MEDIAN: 3.67

STUDY INDICATORS

- State has fewer provider taxes
State has fewer health savings account (HSA) taxes
State has fewer medical device taxes

STATE RANKING BY OVERALL HOAP INDEX SCORE

Table with 6 columns of state rankings from 1 to 51, listing state names and their corresponding HOAP Index scores.