HOAP is a set of tools providing state-by-state measures of the flexibility and discretion that patients and providers have in managing health and healthcare. In other words, how open are each state’s laws and regulations to institutional variation in the delivery of care, and how much access to varying modes of care does this confer on the state’s patients and providers?

OVERALL STATE RANKING

1. COLORADO (3.95)
2. ARIZONA (3.71)
3. UTAH (3.69)
4. SOUTH DAKOTA (3.69)
5. IDAHO (3.67)

Scores are rounded to the nearest hundredth. There are two pairs of true ties: Indiana and Iowa, and Maine and Virginia.