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?

### 2018 State Ranking by Index Score

1. Wyoming (3.75)
2. Montana (3.75)
3. Idaho (3.73)
4. Indiana (3.72)
5. Missouri (3.71)

6. Utah (3.69)
7. Colorado (3.62)
8. Nebraska (3.61)
9. Wisconsin (3.60)
10. Alaska (3.58)
11. Mississippi (3.53)
12. Louisiana (3.47)
13. Virginia (3.42)
14. South Dakota (3.41)
15. Nevada (3.38)
16. Kansas (3.37)
17. New Hampshire (3.36)
18. Arizona (3.30)
19. Texas (3.28)
20. Alabama (3.27)
21. New Mexico (3.27)
22. North Dakota (3.27)
23. Oregon (3.25)
24. Florida (3.24)
25. Maine (3.22)
26. Kansas (3.17)
27. Iowa (3.17)
28. Ohio (3.17)
29. Pennsylvania (3.16)
30. Washington (3.16)
31. Michigan (3.15)
32. Oklahoma (3.15)
33. Tennessee (3.07)
34. South Carolina (3.05)
35. Missouri (3.08)
36. Wisconsin (3.08)
37. Arkansas (3.03)
38. Massachusetts (3.03)
39. California (3.03)
40. Maryland (3.03)
41. Rhode Island (3.03)
42. North Carolina (3.01)
43. Iowa (3.01)
44. Missouri (2.97)
45. New Mexico (2.97)
46. Minnesota (2.95)
47. Connecticut (2.91)
48. District of Columbia (2.82)
49. New York (2.65)
50. Georgia (2.59)
51. New Jersey (2.42)

Scores are rounded to the nearest hundredth. There are three pairs of true ties: Alabama and New Mexico, Iowa and Ohio, and Maryland and Rhode Island.