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 Idaho at the top of the 51 jurisdictions analyzed. Some of the state’s highest scores are in the Insurance Subindex and the Public Health Subindex and some of its lowest are in the Telemedicine Subindex and the Pharmaceutical Access Subindex. Idaho’s score and rank in each subindex are given below.
DIRECT PRIMARY CARE
5 = state environment is most conducive to direct primary care (DPC) practices as an alternative method of financing primary care

SCORE 4.00
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

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

SCORE 3.67
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

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

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

SCORE 4.33
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

PHARMACEUTICAL ACCESS
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

1 IDAHO 10 ALASKA 19 ALABAMA 28 N. DAKOTA 37 ILLINOIS 46 ARKANSAS
2 MONTANA 11 NEVADA 20 TEXAS 29 HAWAII 38 DELAWARE 47 RHODE ISLAND
3 MISSOURI 12 NEBRASKA 21 NEW MEXICO 30 KANSAS 39 MINNESOTA 48 CONNECTICUT
4 MISSISSIPPI 13 VIRGINIA 22 MAINE 31 S. CAROLINA 40 DIST. OF COLUMBIA 49 NEW YORK
5 UTAH 14 S. DAKOTA 23 WASHINGTON 32 FLORIDA 41 MASSACHUSETTS 50 NEW JERSEY
6 WISCONSIN 15 NEW HAMPSHIRE 24 OHIO 33 OKLAHOMA 42 VERMONT 51 GEORGIA
7 WYOMING 16 LOUISIANA 25 IOWA 34 CALIFORNIA 43 N. CAROLINA 44 WEST VIRGINIA
8 INDIANA 17 OREGON 26 MICHIGAN 35 TENNESSEE 45 KENTUCKY
9 COLORADO 18 ARIZONA 27 PENNSYLVANIA 36 MARYLAND

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