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 West Virginia near the bottom of the 51 jurisdictions analyzed. Some of the state's highest scores are in the Public Health Subindex and the Direct Primary Care Subindex and some of its lowest are in the Corporate Subindex and the Pharmaceutical Access Subindex. West Virginia'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

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

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

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

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

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## STATE RANKING BY OVERALL HOAP INDEX SCORE

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