

**Government Affairs and Clinical Practice
2026 AACAP Major Actions and Documents Chronology
as of May 27, 2026**

(Association communications noted by *)

Joint* Sign-On Letter with 24 other youth healthcare organizations [requesting \\$1 billion dollars in funding for the Children's Hospitals Graduate Medical Education program in the FY27 appropriations bill](#). Sent to the Chairs and Ranking Members of the House and Senate Appropriations Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Subcommittees, dated May 19, 2026.

AACAP Presidential Statement on [recent MAHA actions related to psychiatric medications](#). Issued May 7, 2026.

AACAP letter to the Governor of Vermont [requesting that he veto a bill passed by the legislature that would grant prescriptive authority to psychologists without medical training](#). Sent to Governor Scott, dated April 24 2026.

Joint* Sign-On Letter with the Mental Health Liaison Group and 43 other mental health organizations [in support of the Stabilization to Prevent \(STOP\) Suicide Act \(H.R. 8124\), which would create a grant program to expand the use of stabilization services for individuals with serious thoughts of suicide](#). Sent to bill sponsors Rep. Jamie Raskin (D-MD) and Rep. Don Bacon (R-NE), dated April 21, 2026.

Legislative Action Center Campaign for Illinois-based CAPs to contact their state lawmakers to urge them to oppose a law that would grant prescriptive authority to psychologists practicing in the state. Sent April 14, 2026.

Joint Amicus Brief submitted to the Supreme Court of North Dakota with 18 other medical professional societies in the case of *T.D. v. Wrigley*. The brief [offers the scientific expertise of the joining organizations in a legal challenge to a state-level ban on gender-affirming care for minors](#). Amicus brief submitted April 10, 2026.

Joint* Sign-On Letter with 23 other medical professional societies [expressing concern regarding barriers preventing International Medical Graduates from entering or remaining lawfully in the country amidst disruptions in J-1 visa processing](#). Sent to Secretary of State Rubio and Secretary of Homeland Security Mullin, dated April 8, 2026.

Joint* Sign-On Letter with 58 other health organizations [requesting at least \\$10.5 billion in discretionary funding for the Health Resources and Services Administration in the FY27 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies \(LHHSE\) appropriations bill](#). Sent to Chairs and Ranking Members of the House and Senate Appropriations LHHSE Subcommittees,

dated April 3, 2026.

Joint* FY27 Budget Request with the Mental Health Liaison Group [stating recommended funding levels for federal mental health and substance use disorder agencies and programs](#). Sent to House and Senate Appropriations Committee Chairs and Ranking Members, dated March 23, 2026.

Joint* Sign-On Letters with 88 other health organizations requesting FY27 appropriations funding for tobacco prevention and cessation programs. Identical letters sent to [House](#) and [Senate](#) Appropriations Committee Chairs and Ranking Members, dated March 18, 2026.

Legislative Action Center Campaign for New Jersey-based CAPs to contact their state lawmakers and urge them to oppose legislation that would grant advance practice nurses independent practice authority. Sent March 13, 2026.

AACAP Presidential Statement [reaffirming commitment to evidence-based care and the physician-patient relationship](#). Issued March 12, 2026.

Joint Amicus Briefs submitted to the United States District Court for the District of Columbia with 14 other medical professional societies and health organizations in the cases of [WPATH v. FTC](#), [AAP v. FTC](#), and [the Endocrine Society v. FTC](#). The brief offers the scientific expertise of the joining organizations in a legal challenge to the Federal Trade Commissions' efforts to subpoena the records of the World Professional Association for Transgender Health. Amicus Briefs submitted March 11, 2026.

Joint* Sign-On Letter with the Mental Health Liaison Group and 34 other mental health organizations [in support of the Kid Providing Resources for Optimal Outcomes Against Fatalities \(Kid PROOF\) Act \(H.R. 6396\), which would improve the ability for parents to hide dangerous items when their child is at risk of attempting suicide](#). Sent to bill sponsors Rep. John James (R-MI), Rep. Angie Craig (D-MN), Rep. Maria Salazar (R-FL), and Rep. Debbie Dingell (D-MI), dated March 11, 2026.

AACAP Presidential Statement on [racism, dehumanization, and the mental health of children and adolescents](#). Issued February 20, 2026.

Joint Comment Letter with 66 other national and state health organizations in response to [recent Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services \(CMS\) proposed rules preventing hospitals participating in the Medicaid & CHIP programs from treating gender dysphoria and preventing Medicaid & CHIP from reimbursing services related to gender affirming care](#). Sent to CMS in response to comment dockets RIN 0938-AV73 and RIN 0938-AV87, submitted February 17, 2026.

AACAP Comment Letter opposing a [proposed Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services rule that would prevent hospitals from being reimbursed for furnishing gender-affirming care to children](#). Comments submitted to Health and Human Services Secretary Kennedy Jr. in response to comment docket RIN 0938-AV87, submitted February 17, 2026.

AACAP Comment Letter opposing a [proposed Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services rule that would prevent hospitals that participated in the Medicare and Medicaid systems from providing gender-affirming care](#). Comments submitted to Health and Human Services Secretary Kennedy Jr. in response to comment docket RIN 0938-AV87, submitted February 17, 2026.

Joint* Sign-On Letter with the Mental Health Liaison Group and 32 other mental health organizations [in support of the *Prevent Youth Suicide Act* \(H.R. 5482\), which would train school teachers to identify distress and warning signs of suicide in students.](#) Sent to bill sponsors Rep. Zachary Nunn (R-IA) and Rep. Chris Pappas (D-NH), dated February 3, 2026.

AACAP Government Affairs Department statement on [SAMHSA grant terminations.](#) Issued January 20, 2026.

Joint* Sign-On Letter with the Mental Health Liaison Group and 48 other mental health organizations [calling for robust, full-year funding for the Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies funding bill.](#) Sent to the Chairs and Ranking Members of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees, dated January 12, 2026.