

Legislative Update and Forecast

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Federal Issue Update



Federal Policy Issues

- Implementation of CMS Limited Direct Access and Modifier
- CMS 2024 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule
- Medicare Advantage/Managed Care Concerns



**CMS: WE HAVE
CREATED A NEW
REGULATION
THAT WILL
ALLOW CERTAIN
PART B
BENEFICIARIES TO
COME DIRECTLY
TO THE
AUDIOLOGIST
FOR “NON-
ACUTE” HEARING
PROBLEMS**



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Medicare Audiology Access Improvement Act (S. 2377)

- Direct Access
- Reimbursement for Medicare-covered services within an audiologist's scope of practice
- Practitioner classification under Medicare



State Issues

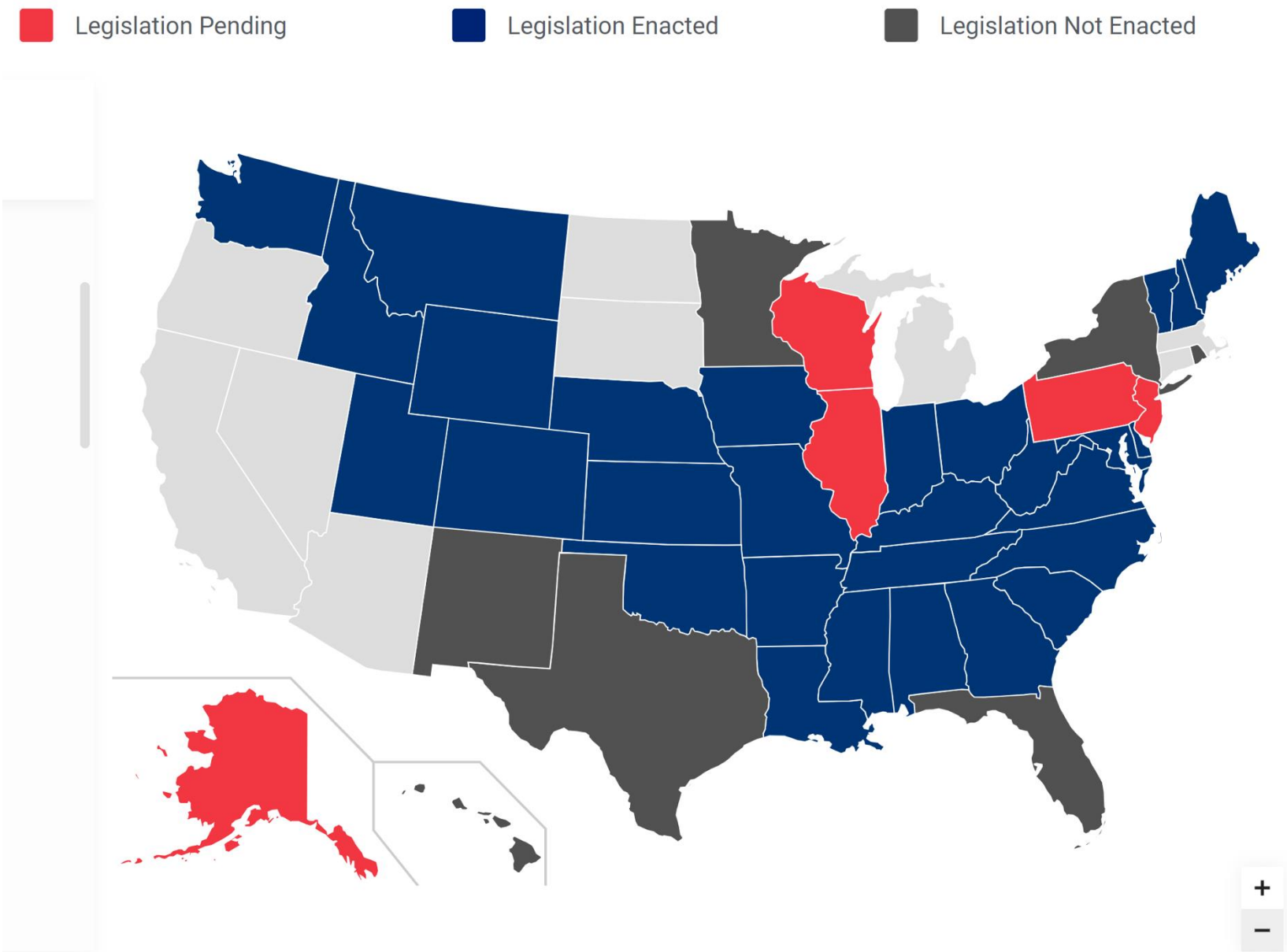


State Issues

- Interstate Compact
- OTC Hearing Aids
- Dispensing Prescription Hearing Aids

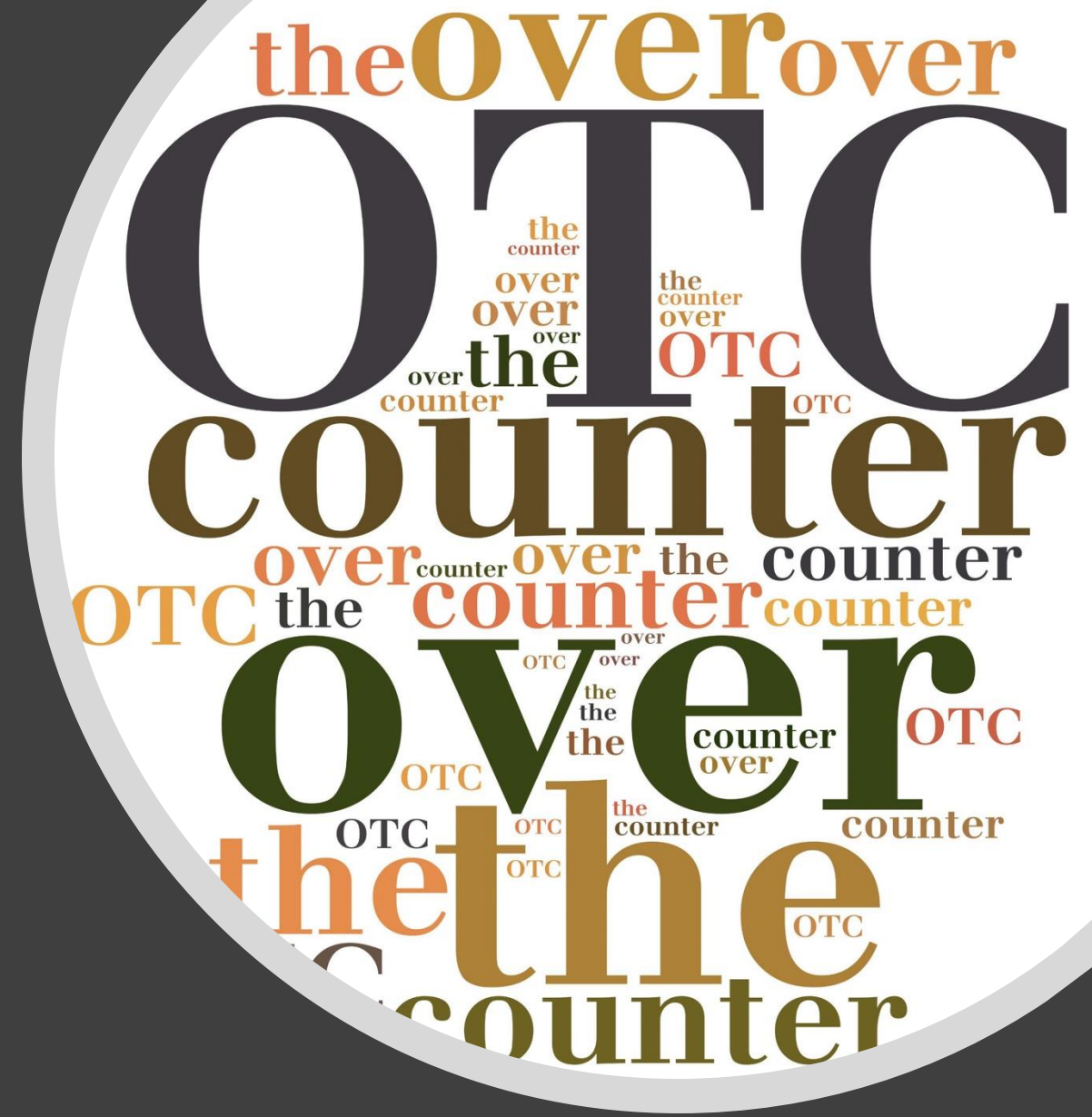


A-SLP Interstate Compact Map



FDA OTC Hearing Aid Regulation

- Implemented on October 17, 2022
- Created new categories for OTC *and* prescription hearing aids.



Hmm...let me file that under "not my problem..."

THE FDA

**STATE LAWS
RELATED TO
PRESCRIPTION
HEARING AIDS**

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user card



Kentucky OTC/Prescription HA Legislation

- SB 58, introduced by Sen. Amanda Mays Bledsoe
- Updated KY statute to align with FDA regs and ensured continued consumer access to “prescription” hearing aids
- Kentucky became one of the first 2 states to effectively address this issue



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