



THE PROBLEM

Illinois has the lowest Medicaid reimbursement rates for emergency physicians in the nation.

OUR ASK

1. Include emergency physician services in the increase for the Illinois Medicaid Practitioner Fee Schedule released by the Department of Healthcare and Family Services.
2. Make reimbursements more equitable for frontline healthcare workers.

TREATING EVERYONE WITH QUALITY EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE

Emergency physicians are mandated by law to provide care to all patients who walk through their doors, regardless of their insurance status or ability to pay. It's a mission we are proud of. Illinoisans who must visit the emergency department but lack the ability to pay still deserve high-quality, timely care.

However, recent rises in the percentage of patients who lack the ability to pay is straining hospitals and physician group's ability to provide high-quality care by board-certified emergency physicians 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Increasing Medicaid reimbursement for emergency medicine specialists will ensure that everyone in the state of Illinois receives high-quality emergency care into the future.



OUR STORY

ACEP represents over **38,000 members**, and the Emergency Department Practice Management Association supports healthcare for about **half of the 146 million patients** treated in U.S. EDs annually. Collectively, these organizations play vital roles in shaping emergency medicine policies and practices.



OUR VISION

Since their inception, ACEP, ICEP, and EDPMA have remained dedicated to **supporting quality emergency care for all patients at all times**, regardless of a patient's insurance status or ability to pay.

