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Scope of Practice: Fighting for Physician-led Care



The **gold standard** for emergency department care is that provided by an **emergency physician**.



Physician assistants (PAs) and nurse practitioners (NPs) do not possess the training in emergency medicine that may only be acquired through completion of an ACGME accredited emergency medicine residency training program.



If PAs and NPs are utilized for providing emergency department care, the standard is onsite supervision by an emergency physician, who must have the real-time opportunity to be involved in the contemporaneous care of any patient presenting to the ED and seen by a PA or NP.



ICEP acknowledges there are workforce limitations in specific CMS-designated facility types in which supervision of a PA or NP by an emergency physician may be provided "Offsite" by telehealth means:

- Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs)
- Rural Emergency Hospitals (REHs)

When it matters most, there is no substitute for a licensed, trained, and board-certified emergency physician.

Regardless of where a patient lives, everyone who visits the emergency department (ED) deserves to have access to the highest quality care delivered by emergency physician-led care teams.

ICEP members would like to see common sense principles and best practices established for scope of practice in the emergency department and are against bills that would expand the scope of nonphysicians.



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Fast Facts About Emergency Medicine

Access to emergency care is critical and more people rely on emergency physicians than ever before.

One in three people in the U.S. come to the emergency department, for a total 150 million visits to the emergency department every year.

Emergency physicians are uniquely trained with the expertise to lead skilled care teams in thousands of emergency departments across the country.



Nearly half of all medical care in the United States is delivered in an emergency department.



Nearly 70% of emergency care goes uncompensated or undercompensated.



Nine in ten say it is essential to have 24/7 access to the ER, the highest of any utility or service that communities provide.



Only 2.5% of the patients seen in 2020 came to the emergency department for a non-urgent medical condition.



More than half of adults who sought immediate medical care chose to go to an emergency department because urgent care was unavailable, or they were referred by a medical provider.