

**A Newsletter for the Members of the  
Tennessee College of Emergency Physicians - Fall 2023**



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**From the Tennessee ACEP President  
Stanton Elseroad, MD, MBA, FACEP**

Tennessee EM Doc Leaders,

Thanks for leading despite working in a state of perpetual emergencies! By joining the College you let your voices be heard. The ACEP Council Meeting in Philly voted for a change of the status quo. It is hard to describe the power of when 400 emergency medicine docs gather in one room to fight for the future of our specialty.

As we are still reeling from the [APP disaster](#), a search for solutions was a major focus of Scientific Assembly.

100% of your state's Councillors personally gave a shift to support [NEMPAC](#) and funding for [EMF](#). We support the docs in the trenches by informing politicians on the legislation that affects our day-to-day battles. We support the docs making life-and-death decisions with top-of-the-line research.

I need your help in setting our focus for the new year. What should be the leading goal for Tennessee ACEP? I have heard some propose the below as top of mind.

[Employment Models](#)

[Gun Violence](#)

[Proper Reimbursement](#)

[Reproductive Health](#)

As I set-up the nominating committee in the new year to recommend new board members, please consider taking your leadership to the next level and throw your [name in the ring](#).

Look forward to see all of you on Thursday, March 7th in Chattanooga for our 2024 Symposium and Annual Meeting. If you wish to be considered as a speaker, [reach out](#) by Thursday, November 30th.

In no matter how you guide me to lead, I plan to do all I can to make this great career of ours have a more sustainable future. Thanks for what you do for your communities 24/7/365!



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Symposium  
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### 2024 Tennessee Legislative Session

Tennessee ACEP will be hosting weekly Legislative Session meetings that will be held via Zoom during our legislative session (January 9th-April 25th) so that as a chapter we can stay on top of any bills that could potentially affect our specialty.

These meetings will be held every Friday for 30-minutes. Jack Fosbinder our Chapter Lobbyist will be leading these meetings. Your participation during these meetings is important. Add the below meeting invite & dates to your calendar and join us!

**Topic:** Tennessee ACEP Chapter Legislative Session Meeting

**Time:** Jan 12, 2024 10:00 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

Every week on Fri, until Apr 26, 2024, 16 occurrence(s)

Jan 12, 2024 10:00 AM

Jan 19, 2024 10:00 AM  
Jan 26, 2024 10:00 AM  
Feb 2, 2024 10:00 AM  
Feb 9, 2024 10:00 AM  
Feb 16, 2024 10:00 AM  
Feb 23, 2024 10:00 AM  
Mar 1, 2024 10:00 AM  
Mar 8, 2024 10:00 AM  
Mar 15, 2024 10:00 AM  
Mar 22, 2024 10:00 AM  
Mar 29, 2024 10:00 AM  
Apr 5, 2024 10:00 AM  
Apr 12, 2024 10:00 AM  
Apr 19, 2024 10:00 AM  
Apr 26, 2024 10:00 AM

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

**Meeting ID:** 863 1922 2879

**Passcode:** 209649

**Dial by your Location**

877 853 5257 US Toll-free

Please [download and import](#) the iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system.

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## **Legislative Update Jack Fosbinder - Lobbyist**

The General Assembly passed legislation requiring the Department of Insurance to study the impact of the federal balance billing, independent dispute resolution (IDR) process.

Specific to emergency medicine and other hospital-based specialties, this legislation requires insurers to file annual updates with the Department of Insurance regarding network adequacy and any material change anticipated to physician networks.

SB 1312/HB 1108 Two separate bills seeking to expand the scope of practice for nurse practitioners and physician assistants were defeated. Tennessee ACEP and other organizations are engaged in ongoing deliberations on this issue.

SB 72/HB 1195 and SB 1171/HB 1272.

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**2023 Council Meeting Luncheon  
Philadelphia, PA.**

See your chapter leaders below attending national ACEP's Council Meeting Luncheon in Philadelphia. Your leaders at work!



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### **Tennessee ACEP Chapter Bylaws**

We continue to do all we can to streamline our Chapter processes. For this reason, we have simplified our Chapter Bylaws. We will be voting on changes to the Bylaws 30-days from the date of you receiving this newsletter. Keep a look out for information on how to vote for the approval of the Chapter Bylaws.

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## **FROM NATIONAL ACEP**



**ACEP Resources & Latest News**

## **ACEP Blunts Medicare Cuts in 2024 Physician Fee Schedule**

CMS recently released the Physician Fee Schedule PFS for calendar year 2024, which includes some wins for you and your patients, thanks to ACEP's involvement. Other provisions are concerning and ACEP continues to fight for favorable solutions. Our goal is to ensure your work is valued appropriately. [Read ACEP's detailed analysis.](#)

## **ACEP Council Tackles Key Issues During Philadelphia Meeting**

More than 60 resolutions were considered during the ACEP23 Council Meeting in Philadelphia in October, with many of them drawing considerable debate before 44 were ultimately adopted. [Learn more](#)

### **New Career Resources:**

- You asked for it. ACEP delivered. ACEP's **Open Book** addresses your need for employer transparency. Gain access to information about employer group structure, leadership and more | [openbook.acep.org](https://openbook.acep.org)
- **Practice Essentials of Emergency Medicine** augments your knowledge of several critical business topics: Reimbursement, Contracts and Practice Models, Negotiations, Operations Management, Risk Management and More. It's **FREE** for ACEP members | [acep.org/practiceessentials](https://acep.org/practiceessentials)
- **Find More Fulfillment in Your Career.** ACEP has published a new wellness guide, [From Self to System – Being Well in Emergency Medicine](#), which offers practical solutions to many of the systemic issues that plague emergency physicians today. Thank you to the countless authors and contributors who brought together these valuable resources.

**ACEP in Action:** We are committed to listening to, and learning from, the challenges that physicians face on each shift and to being your network of support in this difficult environment. Actions speak louder than words. We are tackling the issues that matter most to you. Our efforts are stronger when we stand united. [Read More.](#)

### **Fighting for You on Shift**

- ACEP convened health care stakeholders in September to discuss barriers and solutions at our ED Boarding Summit
- We have released poll results about the public's concern about boarding in the ED | [acep.org/boarding](https://acep.org/boarding)
- This [ACEP Now boarding series](#) keeps you updated on the latest boarding news and opinions
- [Contact Congress about the ED Boarding Crisis](#)

### **Getting it Done in D.C.**

- ACEP has been involved in **NINE recent lawsuits** to protect your autonomy and [ensure fair reimbursement](#)
- We have invested more than \$1 million of member dues dollars to [push back on scope creep](#) at the federal and state levels

**Member Benefit Spotlight:** Map out your spending and investment accounts, retirement projections, and goal projections in one secure online platform with My Financial Coach. [Read more.](#)

**Learn More about OUD Management With E-QUAL,** a free online, low-burden quality improvement program. E-QUAL is now accepting enrollment in its 2024 substance use disorder initiative where you can discover best practices for ED opioid prescribing, earn credit for CMS' MIPS program and get real-time benchmarking data. [Learn more and sign up today.](#)

## ACEP Grassroots Advocacy

### **Urge Congress to Prevent Workplace Violence in the ED**

ACEP is continuing its mission to bring both Congressional and public attention to the growing problem of violence against health care workers. [A recent video article](#) in the *New York Times* highlights the crisis of violence in emergency departments and includes compelling testimonials from emergency physicians and other health care workers about its impact on their ability to provide care to patients.

We urge you to [share the video with your legislators](#) to reinforce the urgency of the problem and the need for Congressional action. Your legislators need to hear from physicians who are experiencing and witnessing this crisis on the frontlines of our health care system so they will prioritize swift action in this Congress.

### **Be an Advocate for Emergency Medicine and Patients**

Join with your ACEP colleagues to advocate to Congress. As a physician, health care issue expert, and constituent - you have a unique story to share. [Visit the ACEP Advocacy Action Center.](#)

## Upcoming ACEP Events and Deadlines

**Dec 7:** [Hot Off the Presses: Key Reimbursement from the 2024 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule](#)

**Jan 9-10:** [ACEP Advanced EM Ultrasonography \(AEMUS\)](#)

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**Feb 6-8:** [Independent EM Group Master Class](#)

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