

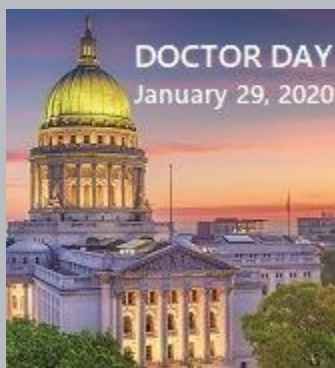


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President's Message, July 2019

Jeffrey Pothof, MD, FACEP

It's the middle of summer and I'm sure many of you are busy both in the ED and outside of the ED. I wanted to take a moment to provide a concise update on a few of the things WACEP is working on as we move the agenda of emergency physicians forward in Wisconsin.

We have been watching the news out of Washington D.C. closely as it pertains to recent legislation moving through the Senate and House on out of network balanced billing. The Senate bill which was passed out of the HELP Committee is seen as less favorable than the current House version. Secondary to action from stakeholders like ACEP the House version contains provisions for independent dispute resolution (IDR) which is important. We still have work to do as the IDR provision will not apply to most emergency care, and we are working to advocate for better legislation like HR 3502, first introduced by emergency medicine physician Paul Ruiz. Please consider taking a moment to contact your Senators and Representatives as they need to hear from us to make an informed decision. It doesn't take long:

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Like many of you we were disappointed by Governor Ever's veto of the \$24 million for medical assistance funding that had been in the original budget. To add insult to injury, recent rankings continue to show Wisconsin's emergency physicians as dead last in Medicaid reimbursement. With that said we are encouraged that opportunities may exist within DHS to secure funding via an alternative route. The WACEP board will continue to work hard to ensure you receive fair compensation for the services you provide. [Read more.](#)

Rural Outreach Initiative

Join WACEP in Richland Center on September 6

Wisconsin ACEP's Rural Outreach initiative is an opportunity for anyone practicing emergency medicine in more rural and remote practice settings to engage with WACEP for education, networking and fun. Whether you practice in southwest Wisconsin or elsewhere, we hope you'll join us on Friday, September 6, 2019 in Richland Center. This program

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is offered complimentary basis, but registration is required.
[Learn more and sign up today!](#)

ACEP eCME Course Meets MEB Opioid Prescribing Education Requirement

ACEP's on demand course [Alternative Methods to Pain Management](#) (2018-2021) has been approved by the Wisconsin Medical Examining Board as meeting the requirements for two (2.0) hours of continuing education on responsible opioid prescribing per Med 13.03(3) of the Wisconsin Administrative Code.

Wisconsin Poison Center Seeks Feedback

The Wisconsin Poison Center (WPC) is gathering accreditation criteria for 2020 and seeking input from emergency physicians. Please respond to [this seven-question survey](#) designed to gauge satisfaction from those who utilize WPC services.

Doctor Day 2020 Registration is Open

Join your emergency medicine colleagues and physicians from all specialties across Wisconsin at Doctor Day on **Wednesday, January 29, 2020** in Madison. This advocacy event offers Wisconsin physicians an opportunity to be a part of the legislative process. Whether you have advocacy experience or not, your participation is vital. There is no cost, but registration is required. Learn more and sign up at www.WIDoctorDay.org.

Donate to the WACEP PAC

Thank you to everyone who has supported the PAC! WACEP is closely monitoring many legislative issues that effect the emergency medicine landscape and paying attention as the next election cycle emerges. Your [donations now](#) will better position WACEP with a voice and larger presence when strategic opportunities arise. Please consider making a donation. Visit WisconsinACEP.org/PAC today.

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