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**December 29, 2023**

## Welcome!

We'd like to share with you, as MNACEP members, our *Policy Update* newsletter. These newsletters will be our way to share with you information and opportunities in the areas of policy, funding, regulation, and much more.



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## MNACEP Physicians' Day at the Capitol

**Wednesday, February 28, 2024**  
**11:00 AM to 4:30 PM**  
**Minnesota Capitol**

Mark your calendars for MNACEP Physicians' Day at the Capitol.

MN ACEP will be joining Minnesota Medical Association along with several specialty societies to don white coats and gather in-person at the state Capitol to advocate on behalf of medicine.

The Agenda will include:

- 11:00 AM - Review of MN ACEP Policy and Advocacy issues and group meeting with legislators
- 12:00 PM - Lunch
- 1:00 PM - We will join Minnesota Medical Association (gathering in Capitol basement)
- 2:30 PM - 1-on-1 meetings with Legislators

Click here for [registration](#). Click here for [more information](#).

We look forward to seeing you all in St. Paul.

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## Grassroots Advocacy

As experts in the delivery of emergency medicine, our physicians are uniquely positioned to educate elected officials and policymakers. They count on your knowledge and insight to make meaningful decisions.

AMA's Physicians Grassroots Network has a great [Advocacy 101](#) site that you can use to engage your elected officials.

MN ACEP representatives recently met with [Senate Majority Leader Dziedzic](#), [Senator Klein](#) and [Senator Seeberger](#) to discuss issues affecting emergency physicians. Topics discussed include funding, workforce, boarding and liability. The meeting went very well with all in attendance agreeing that much needs to be done to support emergency physicians.

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## Minnesota Study of Telehealth Expansion and Payment Parity

The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) is conducting a study of the impact of the [2021 Minnesota Telehealth Act](#) on private sector health insurance. The policy expands telehealth in Minnesota and extends payment parity to include telephone-only visits. During the 2023 legislative session, the Minnesota legislature passed a law that extends coverage for audio-only telehealth care until June 30, 2025. This study focuses on the impact of the Telehealth Act on:

- Access to health care services, quality of care, health outcomes, patient satisfaction, and value-based payments and innovation in health care delivery.
- Disparities and equitable access for underserved communities.
- Health care costs and premiums.
- Access to and availability of in-person care - including specialty care, particularly in rural areas.

More information

[Fact Sheet: Minnesota Study of Telehealth Expansion and Payment Parity \(PDF\)](#)

For more information about this study, please contact the study's coordinators at [telehealthstudy.health@sate.mn.us](mailto:telehealthstudy.health@sate.mn.us).

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## Act Now: Urge Congress to Stop the Medicare Physician Pay Cuts

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) recently published its final rule for the calendar year 2024 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (PFS). CMS finalized many provisions as proposed, including a ~3.4% payment decrease for physicians.

For more details, please visit [2024 Physician Fee Schedule: ACEP Blunts Medicare Cuts | ACEP](#)

ACEP has an active Advocacy Campaign requesting Congress to stop the proposed cuts. Please contact your Congressperson to cosponsor [H.R. 6683, the "Preserving Seniors Access to Physicians Act of 2023"](#).

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