



President Letter

MNACEP Has a New Look!

Hello MNACEP members, we come to you with exciting news! Behind the scenes, we've been hard at work brainstorming ways that the Minnesota Chapter of ACEP can best serve you, our members.

We first decided we wanted to build a recognizable brand for MNACEP so we set out on a journey to develop a new logo. After seeing many options, we finally decided on our new logo.



Designed to capture the pristine blue waters and deep green forests of the great state of Minnesota, we felt that these two colors help best depict the natural beauty of the “Land of 10,000 Lakes”—in which we call home.

So, what else is new?

We have a new website! Our mission to preserve health and save lives in Minnesota by promoting the highest quality of emergency medical care starts with you. MNACEP exists to support quality emergency medical care, and to protect the interests of emergency physicians like you and the patients you serve. To do so effectively, we have made it our mission to be a resource for you in as many ways as we can.

Here are a few ways we hope the new website will help us support our members:

- Providing our members instant access to all newsletters
- Providing a searchable site that we will use to provide resources to our members for many years to come
- Making events more accessible by supporting online registration

- Supporting online donations to the Minnesota Emergency Physician Action Committee (MEPAC)

You can access the new website at www.mnacep.org or www.minnacep.org.

Save the Date – MNACEP Emergency Medicine Summit

The MNACEP is bringing our annual conference back to an in-person event and we hope you will join us. The event will be held December 4, 2023, at the Westin in Edina, MN. Additional information will be made available very soon, and we will keep the website updated as the schedule is finalized.

Additionally, we are changing the name of the event from the Leadership Summit to the MNACEP Emergency Medicine Summit. We invite emergency medicine physicians, residents, students and practitioners to join us for the event.

Watch for more details to come but mark your calendars and plan to attend!

User Login Information for MNACEP's New Website

Recently you should have received an email regarding the development of a members-only access to our new website. In order to provide members-only access, the website company we are working with added all members to the platform as a user. You should have received an email with your username (first name and last name with no spaces), and an autogenerated password. You can use this information to log onto the website and change your password, however, usernames cannot be changed. Please save this information for the future. If you did not receive this email about 7-10 days ago, please check your spam folder.

As of now, we are still building the members only section, so there is not specific content for you, yet. However, we will be sure to keep you informed as member-only information is added.

Summer Legislative Update

Written by Buck McAlpin, MNACEP Legislative Liaison

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer as it seems to pass by rapidly. From the legislative standpoint I continue to watch for the formation of work groups that were approved during the 2023 session. So far nothing has been released for appointment.

I want to offer a few quick bullet points on some of the legislation that did pass this past session that some of you have asked about:

1. Create a Statewide Registry for POLST forms. This legislation will require MDH to form a workgroup to take recommendations back to the legislature for further action by February 1, 2024.
2. Introduction of Communication and Optimal Resolution (CANDOR) that would allow providers, attorneys and patients that had a legal action to communicate and negotiate.
3. Extended Coverage for Audio-Only Telehealth Services. Extended Audio until June 30, 2025.
4. Extreme risk protection orders: The Court may be petitioned to temporarily remove guns if person is deemed to be a harm to themselves or others.
5. Expanded background checks: Extends current requirements to private sales or transfers at gun show sales.
6. Minnesota Care “Buy-In” Program requires the State to look at:
 - a. Impact on State budget
 - b. Impact on individual market
 - c. Estimated affordability of premiums
 - d. Impact on providers and reimbursement
 - e. Report due to legislature by February 1, 2024.
 - f. Legislation to be implemented by January 1, 2027.
7. Oversight of Transactions/Mergers:
 - a. Expanded AG authority to review health care transactions.
 - b. For transactions of entities with annual revenue greater than \$80 million annually.
 - c. AG may bring action if the transaction is contrary to the public’s best interest.
 - d. Data reporting to MDH for transactions between \$10-\$80 million for analysis and study only.
8. Restrictive Covenant Ban:
 - a. Non-compete clauses are prohibited in employment contracts.
 - b. For contracts after July, 1,2023
 - c. Applies to all employee contracts – no income-based requirements.
 - d. Does not include, non-disclosure, protection for trade secrets, restrictions on client list.
9. Rural Health Workforce:
 - a. Funding for rural primary care residency program
 - b. Rural clinical training grants
 - c. Pediatric primary care mental health training grants
 - d. Nursing loan forgiveness
 - e. Mental health loan forgiveness
 - f. Assess readiness of rural communities and rural health care providers to adopt value-based care models.
10. Keeping Nurses at the Bedside act
 - a. Mandated hospital staffing committees removed from bill.
 - b. Ability for nurse to refuse to take a patient removed.
 - c. Final bill provides loan forgiveness for nurses.

The next legislative session is set to begin February 12, 2024. I will work with Dr. Nathaniel Scott, the Legislative Chair, on setting up a Policy and Advocacy meeting for September. Clearly, we have already identified some key legislative topics for 2024.

1. Liability issues
2. Funding/denials/down-coding
3. Workforce and safety

Any questions or issues I can help you with, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. buck@libbylawoffice.com or by phone at 763-213-2645.

MMA Launches Racism in Medicine Video Series

The Minnesota Medical Association has launched a new video series, *Racism in Medicine: Truths from Minnesota Physicians*. The project is part of the MMA's broader work to promote an anti-racist culture of medicine in Minnesota. Efforts toward making medicine more inclusive require more inclusive narratives. With this work, the MMA aims to inspire understanding, compassion, and action. [Click here to access the videos.](#)