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National Update

- Surprise billing has started to settle, but there are still many unknowns. At this time, it appears that current Delaware law will be considered a specified state law.
- ACEP has filed suit, along with the American College of Radiology and the American Society of Anesthesiologists, against the federal government regarding the interim final rule of the No Surprises Act. You can read more [here](#).
- Congress did act to ameliorate the projected Medicare budget cuts. It is anticipated that this will be an annual issue of concern until a long-term fix is established.
- Leadership & Advocacy Conference is scheduled for May 1-3 in Washington DC, let me know if you plan to attend.

State Update

- We continue to monitor for downcoding by insurers especially that based on final diagnosis and that which is automated without a chart review. This has been an issue in other states and has been opposed by physician groups with variable success. Please let us know if you encounter this issue.
- The recent Omicron surge is fortunately subsiding. We have had a rough few months! I commend each and every one of you for your heroic efforts throughout this pandemic.

Chapter Update

- As you are probably aware, our executive director Sherrill Mullenix passed away suddenly on Jan. 28. She will be sorely missed. Please be patient as we work through this transition and ultimately search for a new executive director. In the meantime, I will be the point of contact for all communications both for members and for national ACEP.
- In light of recent events and ongoing COVID concerns, our next meeting will be virtual, in mid to late March. Date and link will be sent as soon as they are available!

Feel free to contact me at any time with questions, concerns, or if you'd like to get more involved!

Welcome New DE ACEP Members!

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ACEP Resources & Latest News

Black History Month: Don't miss this week's *Frontline* episode featuring [Dr. Ray Johnson and Dr. Sandra Coker discussing their experiences](#) working in EM. Dr. Coker founded the Black Girl White Coat nonprofit, and Dr. Johnson's been a leader in EM for more than 30 years. Find more BHM22 resources related to this year's theme, [Black Health & Wellness](#).

Nominate a Colleague for ACEP Awards! ACEP is accepting nominations for its 2022 Leadership Awards and Teaching Awards. [Leadership Award nominations](#) are due **March 8**, and Teaching Award nominations are due **April 15**.

Get New [Point-of-Care Tools](#) in emPOC App

Advocacy:

South Dakota scored an important [scope of practice victory](#) (2/23/22)

[ACEP applauds the Texas court ruling](#) that the No Surprises Act implementation fails to follow the letter of the law. The concerns validated by this ruling are some of those shared by ACEP, ASA and ACR in a [separate lawsuit](#) currently in a Chicago district court (2/24/22). Amplify on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#).

- The No Surprises Act: [What You Need to Know](#)

ACEP Applauds Passage of Dr. Lorna Breen Health Care Provider Protection Act: On Feb. 17, 2022, the Senate passed the ACEP-supported "[Dr. Lorna Breen Health Care Provider Protection Act](#)" (H.R. 1667) by voice vote. It now heads to President Biden for his signature into law. [Read the full press release](#) and [additional background](#) about ACEP's efforts to develop and progress this bill through the legislative process.

ACEP and EMRA Send Workforce Statement to Senate HELP

Committee: ACEP partnered with EMRA to submit a statement for the record for a Senate HELP Committee hearing on workforce shortages (2/11/22). [Read more](#)

Regulatory Updates:

- [ACEP Provides Feedback on New Emergency Medicine Cost Measure](#) (2/24/22)
- [CDC Releases Long-Awaited Revised Opioid Prescribing Guideline: Open for Public Comment](#) (2/17/22)
- [The Flip Side of the Coin: A Look at the Increase in Health Insurer Consolidation](#) (2/10/22)
- [Update on ACEP Actions to Address Physician Mental Health Needs and Wellbeing](#) (2/3/22)
- [Recent Federal Efforts to Address Provider Consolidation](#) (1/27/22)

Upcoming ACEP Events and Deadlines

March 8: Deadline to apply for [ACEP Leadership Awards](#)

April 11-12: [Virtual Advanced Pediatric EM Assembly](#)

April 1 – May 31: [ED Directors Academy, Phase I](#)

April 15: Deadline to apply for [ACEP Teaching Awards](#)

May 1-3: [Leadership & Advocacy Conference](#)

May 15: Deadline to apply for [ACEP committee involvement](#)

May 18: Deadline for submissions to the [ACEP22 Research Forum](#)

May 23-25: [SIM Training Course](#)

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