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National Update

- Surprise billing has taken the stage over the past few months. The No Surprises Act has passed Congress. There has been much discussion surrounding the Interim Final Rule Part II. [Advocacy efforts](#) have focused on reinforcing Congressional intent in passing the original bill and preventing use of the median in-network rate from artificially lowering rates by driving providers out of network. There is not currently a Delaware state law that would pre-empt the No Surprises Act.
- A significant (approximately 10%) cut to Medicare reimbursement rates is scheduled for the end of the year and will take Congressional action to avoid. Rep. Blunt Rochester did sign on to a letter urging Congress to take action to prevent the scheduled cuts. [Read highlights and perspective on the final reg.](#)
- ACEP Council was held Oct 23-24 in Boston. Delaware was represented by Drs. Granitto and Groner. Dr. Powell served as the alternate. Topics of interest included protection of the EM scope of practice, workforce concerns, and emerging ideas such as telemedicine.

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.

- Nursing staffing shortages continue statewide but seem to have stabilized to some degree. Along with an uptick in volume, multiple facilities have noted difficulties with boarding and with delays in facilitating transfers due to lack of available beds.
- COVID has subsided, at least for the time being, but winter is coming.

Chapter Update

Our next meeting will be December 7 at 6 pm at Skipjack in Newark. RSVP to smullenix@christianacare.org if you plan to attend. Hope to see many of you there.

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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Featured News

"We cannot solve the challenges of our time unless we solve them together"

In her address to the ACEP Council on Oct. 24, 2021, ACEP President Dr. Gillian Schmitz outlined her vision and approach as the College's new leader. [Watch her speech.](#)

EM Physician Workforce of the Future:

- [Emergency Physicians Explore the Future of the Emergency Medicine Workforce](#) (ACEP Now, 10/25/21)
- [2021 Survey of the Emergency Medicine Job Market](#) (ACEP Now, 10/18/21)

- Get the latest workforce updates at www.acep.org/workforce.
- Visit [ACEP's Career Center](#)

Regulatory News:

- [Status Update: ACEP Actions to Push Back Against Flawed No Surprises Act Regulation](#) (11/18/21)
- [Breaking down the Biden Administration's new vaccine mandates: How do they impact you?](#) (11/11/21)
- [Emergency Physicians Call on Biden Administration to Amend Interim Final Rule on Surprise Billing](#) (11/9/21)
- [The 2022 Physician Fee Schedule Final Reg: Highlights and Perspective](#) (11/4/21)

EM Physicians Join Forces to Create Award-Winning COVID-19 Field Guide

In this [video](#), ACEP members tell the origin story of the award-winning [COVID-19 Field Guide](#), a valuable resource that has been utilized by emergency clinicians in more than 160 countries.

Rescue Team Doctor at the Surfside Condo Collapse Shares Experience

In this [ACEP Now article](#), Dr. Benjamin Abo gives a firsthand account of what it was like for the urban search and rescue teams that responded to the Surfside condo collapse. (Plus, get bonus content from Dr. Abo on this month's [ACEP Nowcast](#).)

ACEP Member Benefits

A Checklist to Help You Negotiate The Best Employment Contract

Employment contracts are complex and often difficult to navigate. [This checklist](#) is designed to help you consider all the right questions when reviewing any employment contract you receive.

Legal and Financial Support Services

For just \$15 per year, ACEP members can access Mines & Associates' [legal and financial support assistance](#). This service includes unlimited 30-minute in-person consultation for each individual legal matter, unlimited telephonic 30-minute consultation per financial matter, and 25% discount on select legal and financial services all with MINES network legal and financial professionals.

For more employment contract & job hunt resources, visit [ACEP's Career Center](#)

Upcoming ACEP Events and Deadlines

- Nov. 29-Dec. 4: [EM Basic Research Skills \(EMBRs\) Workshop](#)
 - Dec. 4: Last day to submit your videos for the [TikDoc Challenge](#)
 - Dec. 16: [Alleviating the Pain: Managing Sickle Cell Patients](#)
 - Jan. 17-19: [Reimbursement & Coding Conference](#)
 - Jan. 18: [Advanced EM Ultrasonography Exam Review Course](#)
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