Final Committee Objectives

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1. Analyze and recommend legislative and regulatory priorities for the First Session of the 116th Congress.

2. Develop strategies to further expand the 9-1-1 Advocacy Network. Encourage committee members to meet with their congressional representatives either locally or on Capitol Hill.

3. Develop a regulatory and/or legislative strategy to encourage the use of appropriate alternatives to Emergency Department copays in State Medicaid waiver applications that embrace the prudent layperson concept. Collaborate with content experts from the Reimbursement Committee and the State Legislative/Regulatory Committee. (Federal Government Affairs is the lead committee.)

4. Develop a legislative and/or regulator strategy to address the growing drug shortage issue at the federal level.

5. Develop draft legislation for the 116th Congress to address mental health/psychiatric boarding issues. Collaborate with content experts from other committees as needed.

6. Develop draft legislation for the 116th Congress to address ED-specific end-of-life issues. Collaborate with content experts from the Ethics Committee and State Legislative/Regulatory Committee. (Federal Government Affairs is the lead committee.)

7. Develop a legislative and/or regulatory strategy to facilitate and require Indian Health Service data-sharing with prescription drug monitoring programs.

8. Identify new opportunities to work with federal agencies, including the Veterans Administration, Department of Defense, Indian Health Services, etc.

9. Develop and assess potential innovative approaches to improving the way care is delivered and reimbursed in
rural areas, with the goal of improving patient access to emergency department services in these areas. Collaborate with content experts from other committees and task forces as needed.

10. Develop and assess potential legislative ideas to address firearm safety and injury prevention.

11. Develop recommendations for federal legislative and/or regulatory strategies to ensure telemedicine can advance emergency medicine while protecting the practice environment for emergency physicians and quality of care for patients.

12. Develop an annual report to all ACEP members regarding advocacy work done on behalf of emergency medicine.

13. Develop a proactive federal-level strategy on out-of-network/balance billing, including consideration of introducing federal legislation. Collaborate with content experts from the ACEP-EDPMA Joint Task Force, Reimbursement Committee, and State Legislative/Regulatory Committee. (Federal Government Affairs is the lead committee.)

14. Review the following policy per the Policy Sunset Review Process:
   - Supporting Political Advocacy in the ED
     
     *Determine by December 15 if the policies should be reaffirmed, revised, rescinded, or sunsettled. Submit any proposed revisions to the Board for approval by the end of the committee year.*

15. Provide input to the EMS Committee to continue the work started by the High Threat Casualty Care Task Force (HTCCTF) towards:
   - creation of a high-threat incident database, standardized data-gathering tool, and support the creation of data-gathering rapid response to enable rapid dissemination of lessons-learned
   - enhance the translation of military lessons learned, consistent with Mission Zero, throughout the emergency medicine community
   - develop a public relations information campaign centered on mitigation, preparedness, response to and recovery from high-threat incidents. (EMS the lead committee.)

16. Review Resolution 34(18) Violence is a Health Issue and determine whether model legislation should be developed.

17. Develop model legislation to support rescheduling of cannabis to facilitate well-controlled studies of cannabis and related cannabinoids for medical use in patients who have serious conditions for which preclinical, anecdotal, or controlled evidence suggests possible efficacy or harm and the application of such results to the understanding and treatment of disease as directed in Amended Resolution 36(18) ACEP Policy Related to Medical Cannabis.