1. Evaluate the effect of ongoing and new state Medicaid waivers on the practice of emergency medicine and patient access to care. Provide guiding principles with specific case studies of examples to chapters addressing Medicaid expansion issues. Collaborate with content experts from the ACEP-EDPMA Joint Task Force.

2. Summarize the status of Medicaid program developments that compromise the prudent layperson standard. Update the toolkit of resources that can be used by states responding to challenges to the prudent layperson standard by legislatures, regulatory agencies, and managed care vendors. Recent activity in Kansas, Kentucky, and Iowa may provide specific examples that can be used in preparing these additional resources. Provide expertise to chapters addressing Medicaid prudent layperson challenges. Collaborate with content experts from the ACEP-EDPMA Joint Task Force.

3. Participate with the ACEP-EDPMA Joint Task Force and the out-of-network/balance billing “strike team” leaders to provide expertise and resources to states addressing balance billing/out of network legislation. Collaborate with content experts from the Reimbursement Committee. (State Legislative/Regulatory is the lead committee.)

4. Research and update materials outlining legislative mandates and restrictions on opioid prescriptions in the emergency department, with a focus on how legislation comports with evidence based medical practice. Provide subject matter expertise to states addressing legislation on these issues.
5. Research and report on efforts by states to address mental health boarding in EDs, including best practices regarding making available inpatient bed registries and other resources for transitioning care.

6. Provide input to the Federal Government Affairs Committee to 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. (Federal Government Affairs is the lead committee.)

7. Provide input to the Federal Government Affairs Committee in developing a proactive federal-level strategy on out-of-network/balance billing, including consideration of introducing federal legislation. (Federal Government Affairs is the lead committee.)

8. Provide a report to the Federal Government Affairs Committee on model state legislation regarding end of life care.

9. Continue to promote and administer the state public policy grant program.

10. Submit a nomination for the 2019 Rorrie Health Policy Award.


12. Assist chapters with state advocacy initiatives to address Amended Resolution 21(18) Adequate Resources for “Safe Discharge” Requirements.

13. Review Resolution 24(18) ED Copayments for Medicaid Beneficiaries and determine if additional language is needed to develop a policy statement.

14. Develop model state legislation for chapters to use to access funding related to the Preventing Overdoses While in the Emergency Rooms (POWER) Act and to address Amended Resolution 25(18) Funding for Medication Assisted Treatment Programs, Amended Resolution 26(18) Funding of Substance Use Intervention and Treatment Programs, and Amended Resolution 47(18) Supporting Medication for Opioid Use Disorder.

15. Work with the Ethics Committee and the Medical-Legal Committee to review Amended Resolution 28(18) Inclusion of Methadone in State Drug and Prescription Databases and provide a recommendation to the Board about the advisability of adding this initiative to ACEP’s legislative agenda because of potential unintended consequences and violation of patient confidentiality. (Ethics is the lead committee.)

16. Develop an information paper and/or legislative toolkit to assist members in advocating for applicable changes to state insurance laws as directed in Amended Resolution 29(18) Insurance Collection of Patient Financial Responsibility.

17. Provide support to chapters in drafting and advocating for state legislation to recommend naloxone training in schools as directed in Resolution 30(18) Naloxone Layperson Training.

18. Develop model state legislation for chapters to use to access funding related to the Alternatives to Opioids (ALTO) in the ED Act to address Amended Resolution 31 Payment for Opioid Sparing Pain Treatment Alternatives.

19. Develop a toolkit and other resources to assist chapters in the passage of state legislation to enact extreme risk protection orders as directed in Amended Resolution 45(18) Support for Extreme Risk Protection Order to Minimize Harm.

20. Work with the Ethics Committee to revise the policy statement “Law Enforcement Gathering in the ED to reflect recent relevant court decisions regarding consent for searches with or without warrant to provide clarification and guidance to emergency physicians on their ethical and legal obligations as directed in Amended Resolution 46(18) Enforcement Information Gather in the ED Policy Statement. (Ethics is the lead committee.)
21. Work with the Ethics Committee to review the policy statement “Recording Devices in the ED” and determine if any revisions are needed to address surreptitious (audio/video) recording in the ED as directed in the first resolved of Amended Resolution 48(18) Recording in the Emergency Department. (Ethics is the lead committee.)