



American College of  
Emergency Physicians®

ADVANCING EMERGENCY CARE 

# POLICY STATEMENT

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## *Economic Credentialing*

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The American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) is committed to high-quality, cost-effective care and recognizes the responsibility of emergency physicians to patients and society to employ prudent stewardship of health care resources. It is essential that the performance of emergency physicians not be judged solely on economic factors (cost of care/resource utilization) unrelated to quality of care. This practice would seriously undermine the independence of physician judgment in providing care that is in the patient's best interest.

ACEP supports granting and renewing medical staff/hospital privileges based on appropriate training and ongoing professional competency that is patient centric.