



WACEP 2017-18 Advocacy Activity Timeline

1/9/17, Lisa Maurer, MD met with Rep. Joe Sanfelippo (Chair, Assembly Committee on Health) to discuss a draft proposal relating to ED care coordination.

1/18/17, WACEP leadership and lobbyist met with DHS Assistant Deputy Secretary (#3 in hierarchy), Jennifer Malcore, to discuss an joint MA Program/WACEP work group focused on finding costs savings in ED care of MA patients with a goal of returning savings to physicians in the form of increased MA reimbursement for physician services.

2/2/17, WACEP lobbyist forwards proposed legislation regarding emergency detentions for review by WACEP leadership.

2/3/17, WACEP lobbyist and staff from Rep. Nygren (Assembly Co-Chair, Joint Finance Committee) meet with Legislative Fiscal Bureau staff to discuss physician service reimbursement in MA, past initiatives from Washington and Michigan, and applicability to WI.

2/9/17, WACEP joins coalition of health care organizations in writing to Legislature to oppose State Employee Group Insurance Board's proposal to move all state employees to self-funded state plan.

2/15/17, WACEP engages with Wisconsin Psychiatric Association to begin multi-specialty discussion about emergency detention.

3/7/17, WACEP leadership and lobbyist participate in multi-specialty meeting hosted by WMS to discuss behavior health care and access policies.

3/8/17, WACEP lobbyist meets with DHS in follow up to MA work group discussion of 1/18/17.

3/29/17, WACEP leaders and members participate in Doctor Day 2017 during which more than 400 attendees advocated with state lawmakers for the need to improve reimbursement for EMTALA care and emergency physician services providing care to MA patients.

5/1/17, WACEP leadership participates in 2nd multi-specialty meeting hosted by WMS to discuss behavior health care and access policies.

5/5-12/17, WACEP reviews draft Waiver Request from DHS that would authorize increasing co-pays for Medicaid ED patients, providing feedback to DHS.

5/9/17, WACEP lobbyist meets with Rep. Nygren to discuss a state budget amendment to require DHS to create an MA/WACEP workgroup to examine EC cost savings to be returned as physician service payment increases.

5/25/17, Joint Finance Committee votes to amend State Budget to include a provision requiring DHS to create and "Emergency Physician Services & Reimbursement Workgroup" to seek savings in Medicaid ED care that can be put into physician service reimbursement.

6/20/17, WACEP sends Legislative Alert to membership asking members to contact lawmakers asking to oppose AB 260 – a bill that would allow chiropractors to conduct "pre-participation athletic physical exams" for high school and college students, and requiring the WIAA to accept chiropractors' exams for this purpose.

7/24/17, WACEP begins multi-specialty discussion with Wisconsin Society of Anesthesiologists about “surprise billing” and “out of network care” in response to reports of legislation from other states.

8/9/17, WACEP leadership and lobbyist begin organizing a multi-specialty group to share costs and submit a joint Amicus Brief in support of maintaining Wisconsin’s non-economic damages caps for medical liability cases ([Mayo v WIPFCF](#)).

8/18/17, Amicus Coalition agrees to jointly fund Supreme Court brief (includes organizations representing Emergency, Anesthesiology [WSA], Ophthalmology [WAO], Psychiatry [WPA], Plastic Surgery [WSPS], Orthopedic Surgery).

8/23/17, Amicus Coalition meets by conference call and agrees to hire Attorney Guy DuBeau to write brief.

8/24/17, WACEP leaders participate in conference call with WSA leaders to discuss “surprise billing” and “out of network care,” and possible strategies to address any issues in Wisconsin.

9/14/17, WACEP sends Action Alert to members requesting they contact Governor Walker’s office asking that he not veto the “Emergency Physician Services & Reimbursement Workgroup” provision from the State Budget.

9/20/17, Governor Walker vetoes the “Emergency Physician Services & Reimbursement Workgroup” provision from the State Budget.

9/27/17, WACEP joins Worker’s Comp coalition of healthcare organizations opposed to creation of a “worker’s compensation health care provider fee schedule” (includes organizations representing physicians, hospitals, physical therapists and chiropractors) as being recommended by the Worker’s Compensation Advisory Council.

11/30/17, WACEP lobbyist receives draft legislative proposal from Office of the Commissioner of Insurance (OCI) to address “out of network care and payment” seeking comments. WACEP and WSA lead multi-specialty coalition

11/30 to 12/15/17, WACEP and WSA lead multi-specialty coalition (including Radiology [WRA], Pathology [WPS] and WMS) effort to draft joint comments from unified physician community in response to OCI proposal on “out of network care and payment.”

1/15/18, WACEP and WSA draft joint resolution for WMS House of Delegates relative to out-of-network care and billing.

1/17/18, WACEP asked to review a draft “emergency care coordination” legislative proposal being brought forward by WHA.

1/18/18, WACEP asked by Rep. Mary Felzkowski to review draft legislation creating “Dental Therapists” – a mid-level dentistry provider – designed to provide dental primary care.

1/25/18, Lisa Maurer, MD provides testimony before the Assembly Health Committee on behalf of WACEP in regard to AB 871 – “Medicaid Intensive Care Coordination.”

1/30/18, WACEP leaders and members participate in Doctor Day 2018, bringing nearly 500 physicians and medical students to the State Capitol to lobby lawmakers on issues ranging from Worker’s Compensation fee schedule proposals, to APN and Chiropractor scope expansion efforts.

2/8/18, WACEP leadership reviews SB 778 (introduced by minority party lawmakers) regarding out-of-network-billing and network adequacy.

2/14/18, WACEP registers opposition to SB 665 (Worker's Comp provider fee schedule) during Senate Labor Committee hearing.

2/20/18, Senate passes AB 538 (relating to transfer for emergency detention, warning of dangerousness by ED health provider, and liability protection for providing warning in good faith) – supported by WACEP.

2/20/18, Assembly passes AB 871 (intensive care coordination) – supported by WACEP.

3/7/18, Governor Walker signs AB 538 into law.

3/14/18, WACEP leadership reports to WACEP BOD on out-of-network-billing and network adequacy policy and administrative/legislative action in WI.

3/19/18, WACEP-WPA Joint Emergency Detention Task Force – kick-off meeting.

3/20/18, AB 871 passes Senate.

3/22/18, 2017-18 Session ends.

4/9/18, Dr. Maurer & WACEP lobbyist meet with Heather Smith, WI Medicaid Director to discuss ED physician reimbursement. Director Smith agrees to organize group meeting with WACEP and MA personnel.

4/17/18, Governor Walker signs AB 871 (intensive care coordination) into law.

5/1/18, WACEP-WPA Joint Emergency Detention Task Force meeting #2.

5/9/18, WACEP Lobbyist meets with Assist. Administrator, MA Division to solidify plan for WACEP/MA Division meeting.

5/22/18, Special Election primaries (1st Senate and 42nd Assembly)

6/5/18, Dr. Maurer, WACEP lobbyist meet with MA Division personnel.

6/5/18, Special Elections (1st Senate and 42nd Assembly).