

Health Care Safety Net Affected by Poor Medicaid Reimbursement in Wisconsin

	WI Medicaid	Medicare	IL Medicaid	MN Medicaid	How WI Ranks in U.S.
Level 1 Evaluation	\$20.21	\$20.68		\$15.85	11 th
Level 2 Evaluation	\$22.13	\$40.40	\$24.20	\$30.71	44 th
Level 3 Evaluation	\$22.98	\$60.36	\$32.20 (139%)	\$46.53 (202%)	50 th - Worst
Level 4 Evaluation	\$27.26	\$114.86	\$44.00 (161%)	\$87.29 (322%)	50 th - Worst
Level 5 Evaluation	\$37.77	\$169.14	\$69.25	\$128.30	50 th - Worst
Critical Care 1 hr	\$88.97	\$267.06	\$114.10	\$203.23	45 th
Critical Care addt'l 30 min	\$44.48	\$119.81	\$42.35	\$90.76	45 th

- Federal law, EMTALA, mandates that emergency physicians and on-call specialists evaluate and stabilize any patient who presents to the ED
- With high risk clinical scenarios and associated high liability risk, poor reimbursement rate leaves consultants with little incentive to fill call rosters for emergency departments
- Lack of specialist availability leads to otherwise unnecessary transfers to obtain such stabilization care
- Emergency physicians are highly mobile, we are losing quality emergency physicians to IL and MN.