



Minnesota Chapter, American College of Emergency Physicians

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Senator Melissa Wiklund  
Chair, Health and Human Services Committee  
2107 MN Senate Office Building  
St. Paul, MN 55155

Re: Support for SF#1402 – Medicaid Payment Increase for Physicians

Dear Senator Wiklund and members of the Health and Human Services Committee,

On behalf of the Minnesota Chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians audits 700+ emergency physicians, residents and medical students in Minnesota, we share support for S.F. 1402 which would increase Medicaid physician payment rates. The current reimbursement levels are insufficient to sustain quality healthcare delivery to our Medicaid patients, leading to potential access issues and jeopardizing the stability of emergency care delivery.

The financial strain placed on physicians and their practices are only escalated by Medicaid reimbursement which is significantly below the cost of providing necessary medical services. Inadequate reimbursement limits access vital care for vulnerable populations often driving them to seek care in emergency departments.

We urge the passage of S.F. 1402 to increase Medicaid physician payment rates, reflecting the actual cost of delivering high-quality healthcare to Medicaid beneficiaries. This would ensure that physicians can continue to provide necessary care to all patients, regardless of their insurance status.

Sincerely,

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