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Illinois College of Emergency Physicians (ICEP) Update

Willard W Sharp, MD, PhD, FACEP

ICEP President

What is ICEP and Who are we?

- » We are a chartered organization under the American College of Physicians (ACEP) since October 21, 1970.
- » Dr. Marjorie L Smith MD, a female emergency medicine physician was key to our founding and was our first president.
- » Today, we represent approximately 1300 EM residents and physicians across the state.
- » Your ICEP Board of trustees consists of 12 regular board members and 1 resident member.

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What Does ICEP Do?

- » ICEP still stands for the same causes for which it was founded
- » 1. To fight unfair billing and payment practices by insurance companies (Advocacy).
- » 2. To support legislation and policies that support emergency medicine and to fight ones that are harmful.
- » 3. To provide and maintaining high educational opportunities and content for practicing physicians (Education).
- » 4. To create opportunities for professional networking and support (Wellness/Professional Growth).

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Advocacy

Advocacy: Overview

- » Proactive Legislation
- » Defensive Measures
- » Engagement

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A HIGH-STAKES PUBLIC STRATEGY FIRM.

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Advocacy Success in 2024

HB 4144 – Karina’s Bill

- The bill requires law enforcement to remove firearms from individuals with orders of protection against them when a court grants a firearm remedy, including issuing search warrants if necessary.

HB 5085 – EMS Act Training & Curriculum

- The amendment to the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Systems Act defines "clinical observation" and updates training and licensure provisions for EMS personnel, including the use of online platforms for education with approval
- ICEP slipped in support
- Signed into law July 19, 2024

SB 2641 – Network Adequacy Specialists

- The legislation introduces a range of healthcare and Medicaid updates, including increased reimbursement rates for psychiatric evaluations, birthing centers, and music therapy, as well as expanded telehealth and Medicaid coverage for various services such as home dialysis, mental health drugs, and blood pressure monitoring
- Includes changes to utilization review processes and expands pharmacists' scope of practice under Medicaid
- Supported by Illinois State Medical Society and ICEP
- Signed into law August 9, 2024

SB 2644 – SOS Advance Directive Registry

- The amendment to the Secretary of State Act requires the establishment of an electronic Advance Directive Registry by January 1, 2027, allowing Illinois residents to deposit Department of Public Health Uniform POLST forms
- Supported by ICEP
- Signed into law August 9, 2024

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Advocacy Success in 2024

HB 581 – Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act (EMTALA)

- The amendment to the Hospital Emergency Service Act expands the definition of "applicant" to include anyone who presents at a hospital and requires hospitals to provide emergency services per federal EMTALA guidelines
- Clarifies key medical definitions and grants the Department of Public Health authority to investigate violations, imposing a minimum \$50,000 fine unless the federal government has already issued a penalty
- The Department may also establish rules for enforcement, and the law takes effect immediately.
- Approved by the Governor and signed into law

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Advocacy: Defense

» **HB3721 – Naturopathic Medical Practice**

- The Naturopathic Medical Practice Act establishes licensure and regulation for naturopathic doctors in Illinois under a newly created Naturopathic Physician Medical Board. The act defines qualifications, scope of practice, collaborative agreements with physicians, and disciplinary measures, while also ensuring title protection and requiring continuing education.
- ICEP slipped in opposition
- Bill re-referred in Rules Committee in April, did not move

» **HB 4637 – Physician Assistant Practice**

- The amendment to the Physician Assistant Practice Act of 1987 allows physician assistants to independently prescribe and manage drugs and devices without requiring a collaborative agreement after meeting specific training and experience thresholds. It also updates definitions, collaboration requirements, and disciplinary provisions, with corresponding changes to the Illinois Controlled Substances Act.
- ICEP slipped in opposition
- Bill re-referred to Rules Committee in April, did not move

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Advocacy: Engagement

» **BIMP – Budget Implementation Bill**

- Medicaid Reimbursement
 - Funds under the Act may support behavioral health services until July 1, 2027, with organizations reimbursed for such funds required to file a plan for Medicaid certification by that date
 - The General Assembly additionally created the Health Equity and Access Fund to receive funds to pay for medical expenses or grants that advance health equity initiatives in Illinois under the Department of Healthcare and Family Services

» **Medicaid Omnibus**

- The legislation introduces a range of healthcare and Medicaid updates, including:
 - Reimbursement rates for psychiatric evaluations
 - Birthing centers
 - Music therapy
 - Expanded telehealth and Medicaid coverage
- Mandates transparency in pharmacy benefits management, enhances emergency services payment requirements for Managed Care Organizations (MCOs), and provides financial adjustments for specialized facilities and programs
- Includes changes to utilization review processes and expands pharmacists' scope of practice under Medicaid

» **Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act (EMTALA)**

- Tracked and monitored proposed rule changes

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Advocacy: New in 2025

Amendments to the Healthcare Worker Violence Prevention Act

1. Reporting of Violence to DPH for better data collection and accountability
2. Broader Anti-Retaliation protections
3. Minimum Safety Standards implemented by Hospitals and others (enforced by DPH, in consultation with DOL) for Employees and Contractors in Hospital and other Clinical Settings

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Advocacy Day

in Springfield



April 10, 2025 Springfield, Illinois



TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

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ACEP Leadership & Advocacy Conference

April 27th-29th, 2025

Washington, DC



Scholarships for residents and junior faculty every year!



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Getting Involved With ICEP!

10 ICEP Committees

- » Awards and Nominating
- » Education
- » EMS
- » Membership
- » Advocacy
- » Research
- » Practice Management
- » Social EM
- » Finance
- » ITLS Advisory



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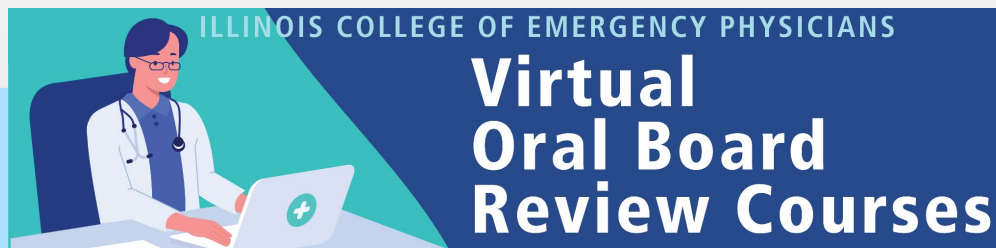
Serve as Virtual Oral Board Review Course Faculty

- » The courses can be done in the comfort of your own home held via Zoom on the following dates:

April 7 & 8, 2025

September 15 & 16, 2025

November 20 & 21, 2025



Call for Award Nominations

- » **Bill B. Smiley Award** – ICEP’s highest award that recognizes a member for a lifetime of service to ICEP and emergency medicine in Illinois
- » **ICEP Meritorious Service Award** – This award is conferred on a member who has made a special contribution to ICEP through service, advocacy, education, or other contributions
- » **Downstate Member Service Award** – This award recognizes the contributions of a member who lives and works outside the metropolitan Chicago area

Nomination Submission Deadline: February 28, 2025



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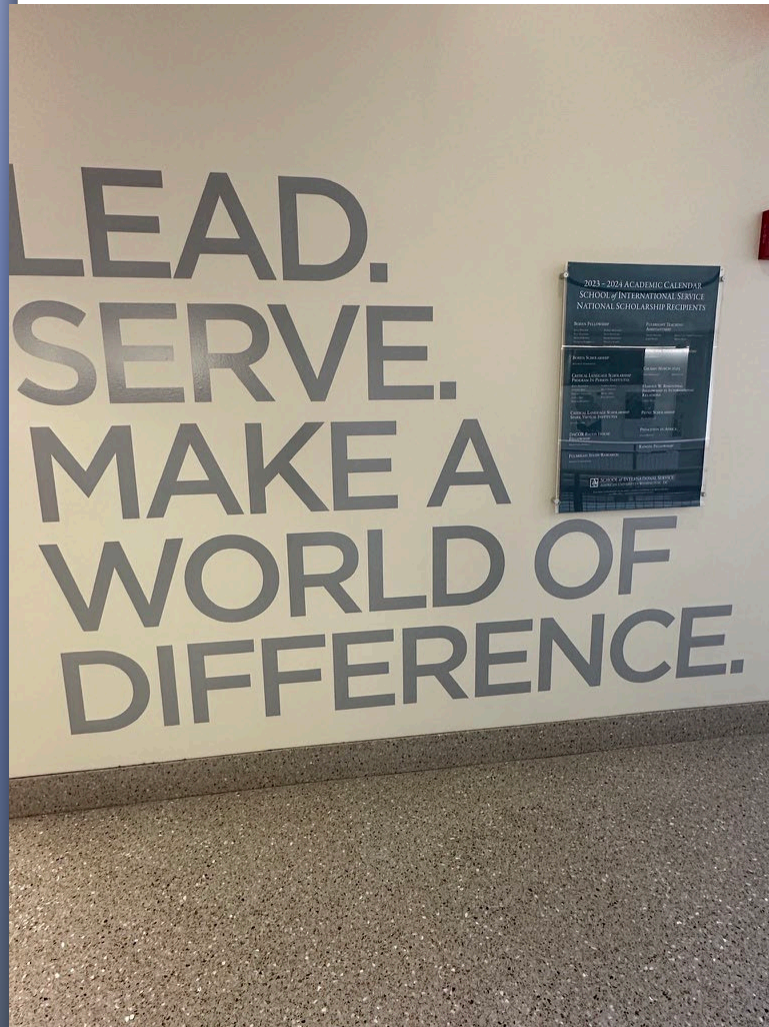
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“Services isn’t a moment, it’s a mindset”

Aaron S Williams

18th Director of the Peace Corps



What can you and ICEP do for your patients and your colleagues to make things better? We want to hear from you!

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