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**WISCONSIN EMERGENCY PHYSICIANS (WACEP)
STATEMENT ON EXECUTIVE BUDGET PROPOSALS**

The Wisconsin Chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians commends Governor Evers for an executive budget proposal that prioritizes patient safety, care, and numerous health care needs for Wisconsin residents and providers.

The Governor's proposed budget provides a significant and desperately needed increase to Medicaid rates that will help patients, facilities, and emergency physicians continue to provide the vital emergency services our communities expect.

Additionally, emergency departments across Wisconsin are regularly on the frontline of mental health crisis care. WACEP strongly supports the significant investment in mental health initiatives that will benefit our youth, our veterans, and all of our state residents. Funding for Crisis Urgent Care, Youth Crisis Stabilization Facilities, and 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, among numerous other proposals, are vital investments in the well-being of Wisconsinites.

WACEP physicians are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year to provide care regardless of the severity of a patient's condition or a patient's ability to pay. We thank the Governor for his recognition of our work and the needs of Wisconsin residents. We look forward to working closely with the Legislature to advance these important issues.

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