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"The welfare of the people is the supreme law".....Patient expectations are that they will see a physician when they go to the emergency department.- If you or your loved ones were having emergency, would you not want the most qualified and the most educated person to be present and primarily in charge of your care or your loved ones care? - And as if it's the standard that you choose for yourself, should this not be the same standard for all Missourians?- A recent poll showed that 80% of adults trust physicians in emergencies, compared to only 5-6% for nurse practitioners or physician assistants. This poll also showed 72% (almost 3 of every 4) of patients state that they would be concerned if a physician was unavailable to provide their medical care.Physicians in the emergency department provide better value for your medical care. - In multiple studies, physician lead care has been shown to be more cost-efficient. Advanced practice providers tend to order more tests, more imaging, and more consults. Advanced practice providers also tend to admit more patients that do not need to be admitted to the hospital. This increases hospital capacity, hospital boarding and overcrowding, and hospital length of stay. This gives unnecessary charges to patients and it also overburdens the healthcare system. The EMTALA law was written in the mid 1980s, prior to the increase in nurse practitioners and physician assistants. The intent of the law was that a qualified physician in the emergency department would evaluate a patient for a possible emergency medical condition. Similar laws were enacted by Virginia and Indiana in last year's latest cycle. In those states, no emergency departments have closed due to this law. - The slow deviation from the intent of the law over the last 40 years has led to increased health care costs and loss of trust in the health care system due to false advertising of the medical capabilities of hospitals and their emergency departments.- Currently, there exist federal mandates for critical access hospital. Those remain unchanged. - Additionally, there is now a federal designation of a rural emergency department. Both of these remain unchanged with this proposed legislation.- No study has substantiated the false claims from NPs that they have increased medical care or access to care in rural and/or underserved communities. They are more likely to practice in already oversaturated urban centers that does not help rural Missourians.Missourians deserve the highest standard of medical care when they or their loved ones are having an emergency. That standard is a physician in every MO emergency department! I am urging the House to support the bill as written and ensure that the highest standards of medical care reach all Missourians and all corners of this great State now and for generations to come....."Salus populi suprema lex esto!"- Kene Chukwuanu, MD



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All Emergency Departments in the state of Missouri should have a physician immediately available to care for patients with medical emergencies. Regardless of where you live in the state, you should have access to a physician to lead your medical care when you present to a hospital. And patients agree. Nearly 80% of adults trust a physician in an emergency, whereas only 5-6% would be comfortable turning to a nurse practitioner or physician assistant according to a March 2022 public opinion survey (conducted by ACEP/Morning Consult). A majority of hospitals in the state already meet this requirement and there is no reason why every hospital can't. We should work to guarantee equal care for every community in this great state.



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Mister Chair, Members of the Committee, I am writing to you in support of House Bill 1013 on behalf of myself, and as a member of the Missouri College of Emergency Physicians (MOCEP). I am a board certified Emergency Physician. I live in Platte County Missouri, but I have practiced across Missouri, from urban trauma centers to suburban community hospitals to rural ERs. I now primarily attend at a rural critical access hospital in Albany, MO. I believe the passing of this bill will help improve access to the highest level of emergency care throughout rural Missouri. I am passionate about ensuring our rural patients receive the same level of care as our urban counterparts. This is a "common sense" bill. When someone has an emergency and they come to the ER, they come with the expectation that they will be care for by someone with the highest level of training and expertise in healthcare. Physician led care provides that expertise, a view that is supported by the general public. According to an ACEP/Morning consult survey, 72% of adults would be concerned if a physician were unavailable to lead their care during a medical emergency. I would also like to address the concern that requiring physicians to be present in our ERs would somehow lead to rural hospital closures. Both Indiana and Virginia have enacted similar legislation and to date no hospitals in those states have closed as a result. I'm sure many of you live in rural counties or have families in rural counties, I urge you to support your communities and support the gold standard of Physician-led emergency care. Please support HB 1013. Sincerely, Louis Jamtgaard, MD, FACEP



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My name is Matthew Mollman, a practicing Emergency Medicine Physician in St. Louis. I have practiced in a variety of settings across multiple states. Through these experiences, I have developed a sound understanding of the complexity of providing emergency care to patients, including the knowledge required to make evidence-based decisions in high-stakes situations. Providing the best possible care involves years of training in hands-on patient care to learn the requisite skills we expect of our healthcare providers. Physicians are the only members of a care team that complete a medical residency. In comparison: Registered nurse: 4 years of training Nurse practitioner: 5-8 years of training Physician assistant: 7 years of training Physicians undergo over 11 years of training, including more than 12,000 clinical hours, to develop the expertise necessary to manage emergencies effectively. A nurse practitioner is required to clock at least 500 clinical hours. Nurse practitioners and physician assistants are invaluable team members, but their roles complement—not replace—the leadership of a physician. In an emergency, All Missourians deserve access to the most highly trained medical experts available!



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When going to an emergency department, unlike when choosing services from an office or surgical center. The patient does not get to choose who they see. They don't get to look at credentials or perform due diligence online or get reviews, they are simply cared for but whoever is working in the department. To have Emergency departments without physicians is a way to ensure disparities in care for patients. Just this week I read about a child with staph scalded skin, a classic rash that would never be missed by an ED trained physician (or a pediatrician or family medicine physician) who was seen by an "advanced Practice Provider" given, steroids and told to follow up with derm in 2 weeks. Many APPS are fantastic clinicians and take great care of patients, but it is impossible for someone who could have as little as 500 clinical hours to be as competent as a physician who has spent many thousands of hours over a minimum of seven years of medical school and residency to provide the same level of care. And they cannot know the things they do not know which can be dangerous. Having a physician present means that when unsure of a rash or diagnosis an APP has someone else to at least ask about it rather than making potentially dangerous assumptions. I have heard the doom and gloom from hospitals etc who say physicians are too expensive or hospitals will close. But in Indiana and the other states that have passed similar laws, I have not heard of even a SINGLE closure. Please ensure that ALL Missourians have the opportunity to be cared for by physicians in an emergency!



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Support physician led team based care



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Why Physician Leadership is Essential:Emergency care is complex and requires immediate, high-stakes decision-making.Physicians are the only members of a care team that complete a medical residency. In comparison:Registered nurse: 4 years of trainingNurse practitioner: 5-8 years of trainingPhysician assistant: 7 years of trainingPhysicians also have significantly more hands-on training with real patients than the other professionals on their team.Physicians undergo over 11 years of training, including more than 12,000 clinical hours, to develop the expertise necessary to manage emergencies effectively.A nurse practitioner is required to clock at least 500 clinical hours. Nurse practitioners and physician assistants are invaluable team members, but their roles complement—not replace—the leadership of a physician.In an emergency, All Missourians deserve access to the most highly trained medical experts available!



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As a practicing Emergency Physician in Missouri since 1999 I fully support HB 1013. All Emergency Departments should be staffed by a physician in Missouri. If other states like Indiana and Virginia with large rural areas can staff all their Emergency Departments with physicians after passing state laws stating such and not see any resultant hospital/critical access hospital closures (despite threats), I know Missouri can do the same. If I was having a medical or trauma emergency anywhere in Missouri I would want there to be a physician present in the Emergency Department. Physicians have many more hours (10,000+) and years of training compared with Nurse Practitioners (NPs) and Physician Assistants (PAs). We physicians highly value collaborating with NPs and PAs but do not believe they should be alone leading the time critical emergency care of Missouri citizens. With 25+ years experience working in Missouri Emergency Departments alongside NPs and PAs I can truly say I would want a physician leading my care and any friends or family member presenting with a time critical life threatening emergency. I hope and think you would expect and want the same as well for yourself, friends and family. Please support the passage of HB 1013. I know Missouri citizens will benefit from this bill, lives will be saved, and believe we can find a way to prevent the threatened critical access hospital closures as other states have done after this bill passes.



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Mandating 24-hour physician coverage of the emergency department does not provide the flexibility needed for hospitals to properly optimize their staff and can be problematic for hospitals in rural settings where staffing resources can be scarce. Safe, high-quality patient care is always the goal, especially in emergency care. This proposed staffing mandate, however, is not the solution.



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