

June 26, 2017

Hon. Brian Sandoval
101 N. Carson Street
Carson City, NV 89701

Dear Governor Sandoval,

Thank you for vetoing AB382 and protecting patients' access to emergency care services. Physicians throughout Nevada support this action and pledge to continue working towards a fair and reasonable solution.

AB382 did not adequately protect patients from surprise bills and would have given insurers the ability to pay less for emergency care services unexpectedly rendered out-of-network. This would have pushed reimbursements below the cost of delivering care and could have forced emergency department closures, especially in rural Nevada.

While we strongly support, and have put forth, solutions that ban the practice of surprise medical bills, AB382 was not the way forward. Relying on Medicare as a benchmark to determine out-of-network payment rates would threaten the stability of the health care delivery system in Nevada, including our ability to recruit and retain physicians – putting in jeopardy access to care for the very patients the bill purported to protect.

We are committed to working with all parties – your office, legislators of both parties, insurers, patient organizations, organized labor and the physician community – to forge a solution that protects patients from surprise medical bills and access to emergency care in Nevada.

Respectfully,
American College of Emergency Physicians
American Society of Anesthesiologists
Emergency Department Practice Management Association
Physicians for Fair Coverage
Nevada Orthopaedic Society
Nevada Osteopathic Medical Association
Nevada State Medical Association
Nevada State Society of Anesthesiologists

