



EDPMA ACTION ALERT: Ask Nevada Governor to Veto AB 382

Recently, the Nevada Legislature passed harmful legislation, **AB 382**. The Governor has until Friday to decide whether or not to veto it (he might decide sooner than Friday). **If you live or work in Nevada, or if your work impacts patients in Nevada, please either call, email, or tweet the Governor and urge him to veto AB 382.**

AB 382 requires emergency physicians to accept the payment offered by the insurer if it is "reasonable." If the payment is not reasonable, the physician may reject the offer and seek to negotiate a reasonable payment. If this is unsuccessful, the physician can utilize an expensive arbitration process.

Talking Points:

- Tell the Governor or his staff your name, your group or company name, the Nevada address linked to the business, which Nevada hospitals you serve, and how many Nevada patients your group/company serves each year.
- Urge him to veto AB 382 because it allows insurers to unilaterally decide what to offer emergency physicians as compensation. It further creates a strong incentive to underpay for low-cost emergency care because, in these cases, it would make little sense for physicians to reject the offer and spend the money and time required to use expensive arbitration processes. Under-compensation could lead to fewer physicians practicing emergency medicine in Nevada, longer lines in Nevada Emergency Departments, and some Emergency Departments shutting down.
- At minimum, insurers should pay the charges below a certain threshold. And insurers should be required to pay out-of-network providers, at minimum, the usual and customary charge based on an independent unbiased transparent charge database.:

It is best to keep the tone positive and appreciative. You can:

- * tweet Governor Brian Sandoval [@BrianSandoval](https://twitter.com/BrianSandoval),
- * email Governor Brian Sandoval at <http://gov.nv.gov/Contact/Email-the-Governor/>
- * call his offices at: Carson City: (775) 684-5670 or Las Vegas: (702) 486-2500

Thank you for your help!
