

**Testimony Before:
Senate Finance Committee
Assembly Ways & Means Committee**

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Chairmen DeFrancisco, Hannon, Farrell, Gottfried and other members of the panel, my name is Dr. Michael W. Dailey. I am the Director of Pre-Hospital Care and Education and Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine at Albany Medical Center and a member of the New York ACEP EMS Committee. We greatly appreciate the opportunity to testify regarding the Governor's Proposed FY 2012-13 State Budget as it relates to Emergency Medicine and Emergency Medical Services.

The New York American College of Emergency Physicians (New York ACEP) supports the efforts of the Governor and the Spending and Government Efficiency (SAGE) Commission to redesign state government structure and operations to foster more efficient government by improving service quality and increasing cost effectiveness. We would like to comment on the changes proposed to Public Health Law Article 30 in the merger of State Entities in Article VII Legislation.

New York ACEP believes that all aspects of the organization and provision of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) require the active involvement and participation of physicians. New York ACEP also believes that EMS must have an identifiable physician medical director at the local, regional and state levels to provide leadership and foster excellence in out-of-hospital emergency medical services.

As the physicians who receive the patients treated by EMS and provide the majority of physician oversight to EMS agencies, emergency physicians stand ready to assist in all ways possible to provide a more effective EMS system in New York State. We urge the continued involvement of emergency physicians in the oversight, operations, and policy-making at all levels of the New York State EMS System.

The New York American College of Emergency Physicians represents over 2,170 emergency physicians across the State that have a shared mission to provide the highest quality emergency medical care for all patients regardless of their ability to pay.

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