

**Date:** November 11, 2009  
**Place:** Orlando, FL  
**Time:** 10:00AM



**Florida College of Emergency Physicians  
 Medical Economics Committee**

**Members Present:** Miguel Acevedo, MD, FACEP; Ademola Adawale, MD, FACEP; Ashley Booth, MD; Amy Conley, MD, FACEP; Dagan Dalton, MD; Vidor Friedman, MD, FACEP; Brent Gardner; Mylissa Graber, MD, FACEP; Kelly Gray-Eurom, MD, FACEP; Steven Kailes, MD; Toni Large; Michael Lozano, MD, FACEP; Joe Nelson, DO, FACEP, FACOEP; Leila Posaw, MD; Lynn Reedy; Cheryl Reynolds MD, FACEP;

**FCEP staff present:** Beth Brunner, Michael Citro, Delaina Bomhoff

	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Decision/ Action</b>
1.0	Welcome and Introductions:	The meeting was called to order at noon by chair Dr. Ashley Booth, Chair.	
2.0	Review & Approve Minutes	Minutes from August 2009 were reviewed and approved.	<i>Accepted</i>
3.0	New Business	<p><b><u>Balance Billing</u></b> – Toni Large Reviewed the potential for ban on balance billing in Florida. FCEP must develop strategy to address following meeting with the Consumer Advocate. ACEP has developed fair payment information items.</p> <p><b><i>Motion</i></b> for Medical Economics committee to develop strategy to position against legislation on balance billing and to coalition with FMA other groups.  <b><i>Accepted</i></b></p> <p><b><u>AHCA</u></b> - Tom Arnold has been appointed new AHCA Secretary, pending legislative acceptance. It was recommended FCEP meet with Mr. Arnold to apprise him of FHA/FCEP initiative on ED issues.</p> <p><b><u>PIP</u></b> –At this point there has been no further information/concerns shared by Dr. McConnell pertaining to legal action. FCEP has not taken any additional action with OIR.</p> <p><b><u>Health Care Reform Bill</u></b> – The House bill has passed by small margin. There are two bills currently in the Senate. It appears that currently neither Senate bill is favorable for Emergency Physicians. They have public option but not SGR fix. The debate is expected to continue throughout remainder of the year. ACEP is hosting weekly conference call to provide updates to leadership.</p>	<i>Motion Approved</i>
4.0	Old Business	<p><b><u>Coding Seminar – Overview</u></b> – The recent FCEP/EMRC Coding program was very successful. Thank you was made to Florida Hospital for use of their educational facility. It was discussed that it should be booked as far out as possible and published. The committee would like to investigate the possibility of a Webinar as well. September seems to be a good time of year for this conference.</p> <p><b><u>ICD10</u></b> – The committee would like to look into adding</p>	

		education for physicians before 2013 date for ICD10. It was discussed the the topic could be added to the Symposium education agenda. AAPC has great information and free webinars on website.	
5.0	Open Forum	CMS mandate will no longer pay consultation codes. Different codes will have to be used and reimbursement will be lower. It is in final rule at the National level.	
10.0	Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 11:40AM	