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# POLICY STATEMENT

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## *Availability of Hospital Diagnostic and Therapeutic Services*

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The American College of Emergency Physicians supports policies that endorse 24-hour a day availability of those hospital diagnostic and therapeutic services needed to prevent avoidable morbidity and mortality, in order to facilitate timely disposition of emergency department patients and to minimize hospital crowding.