



## *Position Statement*

## ***Definition of Emergency Service***

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Emergency services are those health care services provided to evaluate and treat medical conditions of recent onset and severity that would lead a prudent layperson, possessing average knowledge of medicine and health, to believe that urgent and/or unscheduled medical care is required.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> *American College of Emergency Physicians, January 1994*

