



## **1 - Emergency Medicine Practice Characteristics**

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The American College of Osteopathic Emergency Physicians (ACOEP), via survey of its general membership, has determined an ideal environment in which to practice emergency medicine. This practice environment specifically addresses the membership concerns regarding practice autonomy, practice longevity, practice security, equality in financial reimbursement, standards in ED staffing, and due process.

In order to assist its members in identifying these specific characteristics, the ACOEP has enumerated the following traits of the preferred practice setting.

The preferred practice setting:

1. Is one of democratic partnership.
2. Would prohibit physician or group termination without cause.
3. Would prohibit restrictive covenant clauses.
4. Would include contractual language ensuring due process or peer review prior to physician or group termination.
5. Would include contractual language prohibiting economic credentialing.
6. Would include 24-hour staffing of an emergency department by an AOBEM/ABEM board certified/board eligible emergency medicine physician.
7. Would include practicing board certified emergency medicine physicians who participate in the recertification process at appropriate intervals.