



American College of
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POLICY STATEMENT

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Coverage for Patient Home Medication While Under Observation Status

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The American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) supports the coverage of all administered medications for patients under observation status without having to apply for reimbursement. ACEP also supports a goal that patient out-of-pocket expenses for observation be no greater than the cost to the patient for inpatient services.