

# Letter From NAFEC's Board of Directors

Dear Potential NAFEC Member,

On behalf of the National Association of Freestanding Emergency Centers (NAFEC), we would like to invite you to become a new member of your industry's national trade association.

NAFEC represents the unique interests of freestanding emergency centers (FECs) delivering emergency medicine outside of the traditional hospital setting. NAFEC's goal is to promote growth and advocate for fair regulation for FECs – both on a national and state level. The success of the association is directly linked to its membership and the ability to come together as a unified voice.

As with any regulated industry, much of the focus of our efforts fall in the legislative and regulatory arenas. The FEC industry is directly influenced by the actions of Congress, state legislatures and licensing bodies, and state health service departments.

Also, as FECs come under review MedPAC, NAFEC is focusing a lot of time and resourcing to establish a presence in Washington D.C. NAFEC will serve as your advocate with lawmakers and with agency regulators throughout the year. Consistent communication with elected officials is particularly important in allowing physician partners and facilities to participate in the legislative process. One of the most effective methods to deliver our industry's message is for NAFEC to facilitate direct meetings between FEC owners, physicians, patients, and lawmakers.

NAFEC has also taken on a role of educating your peers in the medical community and the public about the benefits of freestanding emergency medicine. A consistent message communicated by our membership increases the chance that FECs will make a lasting and positive impact in bringing quality emergency medicine to communities across the U.S.

This is an exciting and critical time for FECs, as decisions made now will significantly impact the trajectory of the industry. There is plenty of work to be done as the industry continues its growth nationwide, and we're hopeful to have you on the team. Thank you for your interest in NAFEC, we look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,

NAFEC Board of Directors



# NAFEC Overview

## National Association of Freestanding Emergency Centers

The freestanding emergency center industry has developed rapidly, creating the need for a national organization that advocates for its future growth and fair regulation. NAFEC will dedicate itself to educating the health care community, legislators, regulators, and the general public about the unique value that freestanding emergency centers bring to the communities in which they serve.

Across the country, NAFEC represents all models of freestanding emergency care, including physician- and proprietary-owned facilities, hospital outpatient

## Benefits to Membership

- Participation in all NAFEC Membership Meetings and the NAFEC Conference
- Access to the latest news and updates surrounding the freestanding emergency center industry
- Representation in Washington D.C. to advance the freestanding emergency center industry through legislative and regulatory policy
- Advocacy for growth and fair regulation on the state level
- Networking and relationship building with potential business partners, including NAFEC sponsors, vendors, and members
- Access to industry resources and best practices to develop new markets for freestanding emergency center operations

## Save the Date

NAFEC encourages those who are interested in learning more about freestanding emergency centers to attend the second annual National Association of Freestanding Emergency Center Conference. The conference will take place in Houston, TX from June 6 – 8, 2016. For more details and registration information, visit [NAFEOnline.org](http://NAFEOnline.org).



# NAFEC's Mission & Values

## Mission

To advocate for fair regulation and to raise statewide awareness of freestanding emergency centers as a high-quality, accessible, emergency medical care option.

## Vision

The National Association of Freestanding Emergency Centers (NAFEC) will be the expert association safeguarding, supporting, strengthening, and serving as the voice for the freestanding emergency center industry.

## Values

The freestanding emergency care industry offers unique benefits when compared to other emergency and urgent care providers. NAFEC works with members to ensure the following standards are maintained:

- Access to emergency medical care is provided for every patient who walks in our doors.
- Quality of care is unsurpassed. FECs are fully equipped for all medical emergencies and are closely regulated by state agencies. These licensed facilities are required to have an ER physician on hand 24/7.
- Convenience is unparalleled. FECs are frequently closer to consumers and wait is consistently shorter than hospital ERs. FECs are capable of treating true medical emergencies and are required to be open 24/7.
- Cost is comparable to hospital-based emergency care.
- Satisfaction is superior among all urgent and emergency care providers for everyone involved – patients, physicians, and staff.

