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The American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) believes that every community needs a comprehensive plan for immediate emergency medical care in case its medical care system is overwhelmed or rendered ineffective in a disaster. As a component of this plan, ACEP supports the National Disaster Medical System and encourages further development and funding of the program. ACEP also supports its members who participate in the Disaster Medical Assistance Teams, Urban Search and Rescue teams,

or other federal or state-sponsored medical teams. ACEP encourages entities such as health care facilities or systems and emergency medical services and employers such as medical practice groups to allow and encourage their employees to participate and support them in that endeavor.

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