

American College of Emergency Physicians

Guidelines for Eligibility for Dues Waivers due to Financial Hardship

ACEP recognizes that there are times when members may be unable to pay dues as a result of an unanticipated financial hardship. As the entity responsible for establishing dues rates, requests for a dues waiver may be considered by the Board at their discretion. Members suffering unanticipated, significant, financial hardship may apply to the ACEP Board of Directors for a temporary or permanent waiver of dues.

A waiver of dues is available as an interim member benefit allowing a member to retain membership in their current member class during a temporary but significant financial hardship. These guidelines are intended to further define and provide guidance for approval of dues waivers by the ACEP Board of Directors.

- A. The following reasons will be considered financial hardships eligible for board consideration of temporary dues waiver.
 - Natural disasters, catastrophic events, or acts of God, affecting a member's economic status
 - Unanticipated, significant and extended loss of income due unemployment.
 - Significant and extended loss of income due to deployment or military activation.
 - Severe personal or family medical illness that prevents member from full time employment.
 - Extended disability resulting in a substantial and extended reduction in income.
 - Personal bankruptcy resulting from medical or other circumstances beyond the member's control.
 - Other exceptional circumstances as may be determined from time to time by the Board of Directors

- B. A waiver of dues as an interim member benefit allowing a member to retain membership in their current class of membership during a temporary term of hardship as cited above. The following limitations apply.
 - Approval of a dues waiver is for one year unless otherwise indicated at the time of request and approved by the Board of Directors.
 - Extenuating circumstances may be considered by the Board of Directors for extending approval of dues waiver beyond one year or extending a permanent waiver of dues. Such extension may require the member to submit additional documentation.