

JAMES BLAKEMAN
Executive Vice President

Jim joined Emergency Groups' Office in 2004, after 16-years with one of the largest emergency physician billing corporations in the U.S. Jim's scope of responsibility at the company includes corporate leadership, strategy and everything focused on Clients and their needs. .

Jim began working in physician billing in 1979 and previously owned his own billing company. He has deep expertise in coding, quality assurance, policy development, and physician documentation training. Jim has been involved with the reimbursement activities of 7 state American College of Emergency Physicians chapters and is currently a member of the American Academy of Emergency Medicine Practice Management Committee. He is a founding member of the Emergency Department Practice Management Association, as well as a founding member and past President of the Emergency Management Organization. Additionally, Jim is a founding member of the Board of Medical Specialty Coders and has been ACS-ED certified.

Jim is a thought leader in the billing, coding and practice management industries. He is a sought-after speaker and respected author of numerous articles focused on reimbursement in emergency medicine. He teaches a nationally-recognized course, *Beyond Basics - Issues and Answers about Emergency Medicine Reimbursement and Coding*, several times each year since 1994.

Jim lives in Los Angeles with his wife, Linda. He values family time with his 3 children and 6 grandchildren.