



TO: Coalition Against Surprise Medical Billing
FR: Morning Consult
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RE: The No Surprises Act

**COALITION AGAINST
 SURPRISE MEDICAL BILLING**

Voters are concerned lawsuits over the implementation of the No Surprises Act may impact healthcare costs and patient protections.

- Three in four voters (74%) feel concerned these lawsuits could weaken the patient protections included in the No Surprises Act, including a bipartisan majority of Democrats (79%), independents (69%), and Republicans (69%).



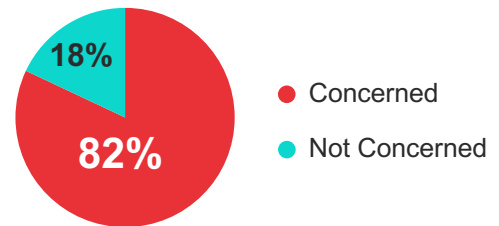
Question Text: How concerned are you, if at all, that these lawsuits could weaken the patient protections in the No Surprises Act?

- Three in four voters (75%) are also concerned that these lawsuits could increase healthcare costs for patients.

Voters are concerned that private equity-backed groups will weaken the patient protections included in the No Surprises Act.

As you may know, private equity companies manage funds and capital from investors. In recent years, private equity companies have made increasing investments in health care, acquiring many hospitals, doctors' offices, and other medical practices. Many of the surprise medical bills that patients received before the No Surprises Act was enacted were sent by medical groups owned by private equity companies. Certain private equity-backed groups lobbied against passing the No Surprises Act which protects people from receiving surprise medical bills for most health care services. Five of these same private equity-backed groups recently formed a coalition to lobby on the No Surprises Act.

How concerned are you, if at all, that this new coalition of private equity-backed groups will weaken the patient protections included in the No Surprises Act?



Voters are concerned lawsuits challenging the No Surprises Act, its regulations, and decisions made by Independent Dispute Resolution Entities could affect the implementation of the legislation.

- Voters across party lines show concern about the implementation of the No Surprises Act, including 81% of Democrats, 71% of independents, and 72% of Republicans.

A bipartisan majority of voters are concerned about increasing health care costs given reports that inflation is near a 40-year high.



Question Text: How concerned are you, if at all, about increasing health care costs given reports that inflation is near a 40-year high?

Morning Consult, on behalf of the Coalition Against Surprise Medical Billing, conducted an online survey among a national sample 1,977 registered voters. The interviews were conducted March 31- April 3, 2023. The data were weighted to approximate a target sample of registered voters based on age, race, gender, educational attainment, and region. Results from the full survey have a margin of error of +/- 2%.