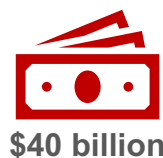


COALITION **AGAINST** SURPRISE MEDICAL BILLING

Then vs. Now: Understanding the Impact of the *No Surprises Act*

Before the *No Surprises Act*:

- **1 in 5 patients** admitted to the hospital on an in-patient basis received a bill from an out-of-network physician.
- In 2018, Americans made about **130 million** visits to the emergency room. At least **1 in 6 patients** who had health insurance received a surprise medical bill from a provider or specialist who treated them.
- The outrageous out-of-network bills from a subset of specialty physicians result in **\$40 billion** in additional spending in employer-provided coverage alone.



After the *No Surprises Act*:

- The *No Surprises Act* protected Americans from **9 million surprise medical bills** in the first **9 months** of its implementation – averaging about 1 million surprise medical bills a month.
- Despite the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) expecting fewer than 18,000 IDR claims to be filed in 2022, **over 90,000 claims** were filed in just five and a half months, far exceeding CMS estimates.
- Nearly **25,000** of the 90,000 IDR claims filed were initiated in Texas.
- Certified IDR entities found nearly 16,000 of closed disputes were ineligible for the IDR process – **that's 69%** – highlighting another strategy to misuse or abuse the IDR process.
- Late last year CMS announced the administrative fee for initiating IDR will increase in 2023 from **\$50** to **\$350** per dispute, resulting in higher costs for patients.

