

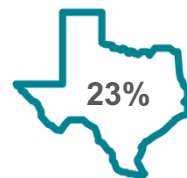
COALITION AGAINST SURPRISE MEDICAL BILLING

By the Numbers: Surprise Medical Billing

- **9 million in 9 months:** The *No Surprises Act* protected Americans from **9 million surprise medical bills** in the first **9 months** of its implementation – about 1 million surprise medical bills a month.
- **14x:** Between April 15, 2022, and March 31, 2023, disputing parties **initiated over 334,000 disputes** through the federal arbitration portal – nearly **14 times greater** than the Departments initially estimated.
- **23%:** Five states represented **60% of all disputes** initiated in 2022 Q4, with **23% of all disputes coming from Texas.**
- **71%:** The top 10 parties initiated **71% of arbitration disputes**, yet there were more than 300 unique initiating parties. This signals potential **abuse or misuse of IDR by the 10 parties generating 71% of IDR disputes.**
- **600% fee increase:** CMS increased the administrative fee for initiating IDR in 2023 from **\$50 to \$350** per dispute, resulting in higher costs for patients and signaling abuse or overuse of IDR.
- **20+:** The **20+ lawsuits** filed against the *No Surprises Act*, implementing regulations & decisions by IDR entities are likely to increase costs and wrap the system in even more red tape.
- **74% of voters:** A strong majority of voters (**74%**) are concerned that lawsuits from some physician and hospital organizations could delay or overturn the patient protections in the *No Surprises Act* – including a majority of Democratic, Republican, and independent voters with employer-provided coverage.



9 million bills prevented



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74% of voters

About the Coalition Against Surprise Medical Billing

The Coalition Against Surprise Medical Billing represents leading employer groups, unions, health insurance providers, and the tens of millions of people they employ and serve each day. Together, we support comprehensive protections for Americans against surprise medical bills, including:

- Ensuring that as implementation continues, the *No Surprises Act* regulations remain in place to serve patients and end the practice of out-of-network providers sending surprise medical bills – while also lowering costs.
- Maintaining fair and market-based payments for out-of-network care.
- Reducing Americans' health insurance premiums and taxpayers' costs by avoiding an arbitration process that adds unnecessary cost, delay, and red tape to the health system.

¹ "No Surprises Act Prevents More than 9 million Surprise Bills Since January 2022, November 2022: https://ahio.org-production.s3.amazonaws.com/documents/202211_1P_Surprise_Billing.pdf.

² "Morning Consult Poll: No Surprises Act": https://stopsurprisebillingnow.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/CASMB_Polling.pdf

³ Letter to Tri-Agencies: December 12, 2022: <https://stopsurprisebillingnow.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/stakeholder-letter-on-surprise-billing-protect-patients-while-lowering-costs-12-12-22.pdf>

⁴ CMS: Calendar Year 2023 Fee Guidance For The Federal Independent Dispute Resolution Process Under The No Surprises Act, October 31, 2022: <https://www.cms.gov/cciio/resources/regulations-and-guidance/downloads/cv2023-fee-guidance-federal-independent-dispute-resolution-process-nsa.pdf>

⁵ CMS Quarterly Report: <https://www.cms.gov/files/document/partial-report-idr-process-octoberdecember-2022.pdf>

⁶ CMS Status Update on IDR Process: <https://www.cms.gov/files/document/federal-idr-processstatus-update-april-2023.pdf>