

Purpose and Protections of the *No Surprises Act*

Why Do We Need the *No Surprises Act*?

- **Millions of Americans** have faced the financial burden and stress of unexpected and unfair surprise medical bills.
- The practice of “balance billing” made it **more difficult** for patients to afford necessary care and even caused bankruptcy for families.
- Through the practice of surprise billing, certain providers were adding **\$40 billion in unnecessary costs** to the health care system.



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How is the *No Surprises Act* Helping Patients?

- In the first **9 months** of implementation, the *No Surprises Act* prevented **9 million bills** from reaching patients and their families.
 - By the end of summer 2023, it is likely that **nearly 20 million** bills will have been prevented.
- By **removing patients from the middle of payment disputes**, patients can focus on their top priority – their own health – rather than the stress of a bill they shouldn’t have received.
- By ending balance billing, health care **costs are being lowered**.



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Threats to the *No Surprises Act*

- There are **continued threats** seeking to undermine the success of the law, despite what the *No Surprises Act* has done for patients and their families.
- More than **20 lawsuits**, including those backed by private-equity groups, seek to change rules and implementing regulations, harming patients in the process.
- If providers are successful, **patients will bear the burden** in the form of higher health care costs.
- It is essential that both Congress and the Biden Administration continue **implementing the law as it was written** to protect patients.



16+ lawsuits