

THREE THINGS ABOUT SURPRISE BILLING

No one should ever face a surprise medical bill that can lead to financial ruin.

Thankfully, bipartisan members of Congress passed the No Surprises Act in 2020 to tamp down on this practice by removing consumers from the surprise billing equation and putting affordability and patient needs first.

Here are **3 takeaways highlighting the success of the No Surprises Act** and the need to secure its patient protections.



9 million in 9 months.

Americans were protected from 9 million surprise medical bills in the first 9 months of implementation – about 1 million surprise medical bills a month. By the end of summer 2023, it is likely that nearly 20 million bills will have been prevented.



Protect the No Surprises Act.

Voters are concerned lawsuits over the implementation of the No Surprises Act may impact health care costs and patient protections. Voters are concerned (82%) that private equity-backed groups will weaken the patient protections included in the No Surprises Act.



Private equity can lead to surprise bills.

The growth of private equity control of important physician specialties has led to an increase in consolidated markets and surprise billing practices. Anesthesia and emergency medicine are the 2 specialties most linked to surprise medical bills.

The Administration and Congress need to support and strengthen the No Surprises Act, and ensure that patients are spared surprise medical bills for care they did not choose—or they didn't even know they received in the first place.