

HR 861

End Surprise Billing Act of 2019

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Policy Area: Health

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors (37 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Jan 30, 2019
Rep. Cartwright, Matt [D-PA-8]	D · PA		Jan 30, 2019
Rep. Chu, Judy [D-CA-27]	D · CA		Jan 30, 2019
Rep. Cicilline, David N. [D-RI-1]	D · RI		Jan 30, 2019
Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Jan 30, 2019
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Rep. Davis, Danny K. [D-IL-7]	D · IL		Jan 30, 2019
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Rep. Grijalva, Raúl M. [D-AZ-3]	D · AZ		Jan 30, 2019
Rep. Hill, Katie [D-CA-25]	D · CA		Jan 30, 2019
Rep. Jayapal, Pramila [D-WA-7]	D · WA		Jan 30, 2019
Rep. Kaptur, Marcy [D-OH-9]	D · OH		Jan 30, 2019
Rep. Kelly, Robin L. [D-IL-2]	D · IL		Jan 30, 2019
Rep. Khanna, Ro [D-CA-17]	D · CA		Jan 30, 2019
Rep. Kuster, Ann M. [D-NH-2]	D · NH		Jan 30, 2019
Rep. Langevin, James R. [D-RI-2]	D · RI		Jan 30, 2019
Rep. Lee, Barbara [D-CA-13]	D · CA		Jan 30, 2019
Rep. Lewis, John [D-GA-5]	D · GA		Jan 30, 2019
Rep. Lipinski, Daniel [D-IL-3]	D · IL		Jan 30, 2019
Rep. Moore, Gwen [D-WI-4]	D · WI		Jan 30, 2019
Rep. Pingree, Chellie [D-ME-1]	D · ME		Jan 30, 2019
Rep. Pocan, Mark [D-WI-2]	D · WI		Jan 30, 2019
Rep. Porter, Katie [D-CA-45]	D · CA		Jan 30, 2019
Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9]	D · IL		Jan 30, 2019
Rep. Velazquez, Nydia M. [D-NY-7]	D · NY		Jan 30, 2019
Rep. Welch, Peter [D-VT-At Large]	D · VT		Jan 30, 2019
Rep. Garamendi, John [D-CA-3]	D · CA		Feb 14, 2019
Rep. Higgins, Brian [D-NY-26]	D · NY		Feb 14, 2019
Rep. Case, Ed [D-HI-1]	D · HI		Feb 27, 2019
Rep. Davis, Susan A. [D-CA-53]	D · CA		Mar 27, 2019
Rep. Hastings, Alcee L. [D-FL-20]	D · FL		Apr 8, 2019
Rep. Suozzi, Thomas R. [D-NY-3]	D · NY		Jun 3, 2019
Rep. Gabbard, Tulsi [D-HI-2]	D · HI		Jun 19, 2019
Rep. Maloney, Carolyn B. [D-NY-12]	D · NY		Jun 24, 2019
Rep. Haaland, Debra A. [D-NM-1]	D · NM		Jul 30, 2019

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 30, 2019
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 30, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Jan 30, 2019)

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This bill requires a critical access hospital or other hospital to comply, as a condition of participation in Medicare, with certain requirements related to billing for out-of-network services.

With respect to an individual who has health benefits coverage and is seeking services, a hospital must provide notice as to (1) whether the hospital, or any of the providers furnishing services to the individual at the hospital, is not within the health care provider network or otherwise a participating provider with respect to the individual's health care coverage; and (2) if so, the estimated out-of-pocket costs of the services to the individual. At least 24 hours prior to providing those services, the hospital must document that the individual (1) has been provided with the required notice, and (2) consents to be furnished with the services and charged an amount approximate to the estimate provided. Otherwise, the hospital may not charge the individual more than the individual would have been required to pay if the services had been furnished by an in-network or participating provider.

With respect to such an individual who is seeking same-day emergency services, a hospital may not charge more than the individual would be required to pay for such services furnished by an in-network or participating provider.

Actions Timeline

- **Jan 30, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 30, 2019:** Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
- **Jan 30, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.