



Citizens' Council for Health Freedom

Health Freedom Minute

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Insured Patient Gets \$229,000 Hospital Bill

Beware what you sign. A hospital told Lisa French it would cost \$1,337 for spine surgery due to her insurance.

So, she emptied her \$1000 rainy-day fund and signed the hospital services agreement. The hospital expected \$55,000 from her insurer but got \$74,000. When the hospital realized it had no contract with her insurer, it charged Lisa the full unpublished sticker price of \$303,000 and sent her a bill for \$229,000.

When she didn't pay, the hospital sued. The Colorado Supreme Court ruled against the hospital because the sticker price was not mentioned in the agreement, she signed so the court said she couldn't be forced to pay it. Make sure you read the fine print.

“An Arm and a Leg’: A \$229,000 Medical Bill Goes to Court,”
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