



Citizens' Council for Health Freedom

Health Freedom Minute

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Surprise Medical Bills and Price Control

“Surprise medical bills” happen when you’re out of network and don’t know it, and your health plan refuses to pay. Health plans want Congress to stop out-of-network doctors and hospitals from billing patients.

They also want Congress to limit what out-of-network doctors and hospitals can charge. They want these doctors and hospitals to be able to charge only what health plans pay network doctors. This would essentially make every doctor a network doctor, by force.

The real problem is networks. Health plans use networks to ration care and increase profits. Doctors that sign contracts with health plans can only charge so much. Health plans want Congress to limit what every other doctor can charge. That would be price control.

<https://www.healthcarediver.com/news/payers-employers-pitch-fixed-reimbursement-rates-for-out-of-network-provid/550740/>

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