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Hospitals Alarmed by Proposed Price Controls

Congress wants to stop surprise medical bills by limiting what out-of-network doctors and hospitals can charge patients. This is wrong. The real culprit is narrow network health plans, which force patients to pay for the many providers not included in the network and lets health plans off the financial hook.

Hospitals are alarmed. This price control proposal will remove incentives for health plans to have networks with sufficient doctors and hospitals. In short, Congress would force every doctor and hospital to become a health plan doctor and hospital, no contract required. That's not freedom. That's price control and the end of medical free-markets. Tell Congress to oppose the "No Surprises Act."

"Provider Groups Slam Rate Setting in House Surprise Billing Draft Legislation," Rebecca Pifer, Healthcare Dive, May 30, 2019:

<https://www.healthcaredive.com/news/provider-groups-slam-rate-setting-in-house-surprise-billing-draft-legislati/555748/>

Letter to Chairman Frank Pallone and Ranking Member Greg Walden, Committee on Energy and Commerce, by Hospital Groups, May 28, 2019:

<https://www.fah.org/fah-ee2-uploads/website/documents/JointHospitalAssocECDiscussionDraftSurpriseBilling-052819.pdf>

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