



Surprise Out-of-Network Medical Bills

When I get sick and need to see my doctor, I shouldn't have to worry about getting unexpected medical bills that aren't covered by my insurance. More and more Georgians are getting stuck with expensive surprise medical bills from out-of-network providers. Even when Georgia consumers try to do their research ahead of a scheduled service or procedure, I still may receive a surprise bill.

Surprise bills can happen when:

- Patients are treated by an out-of-network provider in an emergency situation;
- Patients have a planned procedure at an in-network facility and are not informed that an out-of-network provider will be involved in your care;
- Patients lab work or ultrasound tests are sent to out-of-network lab companies;
- Provider directories are inaccurate and include a provider who is not participating in your plan.

Out-of-network services are often significantly more expensive and all too common

You work hard to manage your family's budget, plan carefully for needed healthcare, and ensure that you can afford the care you need. Surprise bills can add up to thousands of dollars, creating unexpected financial hardships that many families cannot afford. This could happen to you next if our elected officials don't take action!

We support surprise billing legislation that protects consumers and increases transparency

- Georgians should be protected from unavoidable out-of-network medical bills, particularly in an emergency situation.
- Georgians should be able to plan ahead for anticipated medical costs and know what bills to expect after they see a doctor.