

Information to Help You Avoid Surprise Medical Bills

Beginning April 1, 2015, under New York State's Emergency Medical Services and Surprise Bills Law, you have the right to information that will help you stop receiving surprise medical bills.

When you receive non-emergency medical services:

You have the right to know whether the doctor who provides these services participates in your health insurance plan. You also have the right to request an estimate of the costs of the services.

When you receive emergency medical services:

You are responsible to pay only your usual health insurance plan in network costs and/or copayment amounts, even if the emergency care was given by a doctor who does not participate with your health insurance plan.

What to ask your doctor before you schedule non-emergency medical care:

1. Does your doctor participate with your health insurance plan?
2. Does the hospital or outpatient facility where you will receive medical care participate in your health insurance plan?
3. Will there be any other doctors scheduled to be involved in providing services related to your care or referred by your doctor?
4. What is the name and contact information for each of the other doctors involved in your care?
 - You will need to contact each of the doctors to find out if they participate in your health insurance plan.
 - If the doctor doesn't participate, ask this doctor to provide an estimated cost for the services that will be billed.

Acknowledgment of Patient

By completing and signing below the Patient understands their rights under New York State's Emergency Medical Services and Surprise Bills Law.

Signature _____ Date _____

If Legal Representative, indicate relationship to patient _____

Print Name of Patient _____

Print Name of Legal Representative _____