

You Can Advocate for Protections from Surprise Medical Bills



WOW: MY IMPACT STATEMENT

Examples:

- "I was experiencing MS symptoms and went to the emergency room at an in-network hospital, I later received a large bill from a provider I did not even remember seeing!"
- "I fell and an ambulance took me to the closest hospital. Only later did I find out it was an out of network hospital. I couldn't tell an ambulance which hospital to go to!"



HOW: IMPACT ON THE MS COMMUNITY AND CONGRESS' ROLE IN THE SOLUTION

(You do not have to use all of the points below, pick 2-3 that best support your impact statement.)

- Nearly eight in ten (78%) Americans want Congress to pass legislation to protect patients from surprise medical bills (Kaiser Family Foundation Health Tracking Poll, Sept. 2019).
- Surprise out-of-network billing and patient costs related to emergency department visits and inpatient admissions are increasing, according to a study published in JAMA Internal Medicine in August 2019.
- 7 in 10 individuals with these unaffordable bills did not know their healthcare provider was not in the health plan's network. (Kaiser Family Foundation)



NOW: THE ASK FOR CONGRESS

- Pass the bipartisan and bicameral agreement to end surprise billing.

Additional notes:

