

Under the No Surprises Act (H.R. 133 – which will go into effect on **January 1, 2022**), health care providers need to give clients or **patients who do not have insurance or who are not using insurance** an estimate of the bill for medical items and services.

- This Good Faith Estimate shows the costs of items and services that are reasonably expected for your health care needs for an item or service. The estimate is based on information known at the time the estimate was cre
- You have the right to receive a Good Faith Estimate for the total expected cost of any non-emergency items or services. This includes (under the law/when applicable) related costs like medical tests, prescription drugs, equipment, and hospital fees
- The Good Faith Estimate does not include any unknown or unexpected costs that may arise during treatment. You could be charged more if complications or special circumstances occur. If this happens, federal law allows you to dispute (appeal) the bill
- If you receive a bill that is at least \$400 more than your Good Faith Estimate, you can dispute the bill.
  - You may contact the health care provider or facility listed to let them know the billed charges are higher than the Good Faith Estimate.
    - You can ask them to update the bill to match the Good Faith Estimate, ask to negotiate the bill, or ask if there is financial assistance available.
  - You may also start a dispute resolution process with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). If you choose to use the dispute resolution process, you must start the dispute process within 120 calendar days (about 4 months) of the date on the original bill.
  - There is a \$25 fee to use the dispute process. If the agency reviewing your dispute agrees with you, you will have to pay the price on this Good Faith Estimate. If the agency disagrees with you and agrees with the health care provider or facility, you will have to pay the higher amount.
- Make sure your health care provider gives you a Good Faith Estimate within the following tim
  - If the service is scheduled at least three business days before the appointment date, no later than one business day after the date of scheduling;

- If the service is scheduled at least 10 business days before the appointment date, no later than three business days after the date of scheduling; or
- If the uninsured or self-pay patient requests a good faith estimate (without scheduling the service), no later than three business days after the date of the request. A new good faith estimate must be provided, within the specified time frames if the patient reschedules the requested item or service.
- The No Surprises Act has a universal waiver form which DK Therapy has adapted.
- [This](#) is the public disclosure of the “Good Faith Estimate”

Note: A Good Faith Estimate is for your awareness only. It does NOT involve you needing to make any type of commitment.

To learn more and get a form to start the process, go to [www.cms.gov/nosurprises](http://www.cms.gov/nosurprises) or call 800-985-3059. For questions or more information about your right to a Good Faith Estimate or the dispute process, visit [www.cms.gov/nosurprises](http://www.cms.gov/nosurprises) or call 800-985-3059. Keep a copy of this Good Faith Estimate in a safe place or take pictures of it. You may need it if you are billed a higher amount.

If you have questions or concerns, please reach out, a Good Faith Estimate will be provided along with standard intake forms.

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## Dear clients,

The **No Surprises Act** protects people covered under group and individual health plans from receiving surprise medical bills when they receive most emergency services, non-emergency services from out-of-network providers at in-network facilities, and services from out-of-network air ambulance service providers.

Starting in 2022, there are new protections that prevent surprise medical bills.

If you have private health insurance, these new protections ban the most common types of surprise bills. If you’re uninsured or you decide not to use your health insurance for a service, under these protections, you can often get a good faith estimate of the cost of your care upfront, before your visit. If you disagree with your bill, you may be able to dispute the charges.

**If you wish to request services out-of-network, you will be provided with a Good Faith Estimate of the cost of your care before your first session.**

To learn more, [please visit CMS.gov](https://www.cms.gov).