

Federal Legislative Update: HaloMD Supports the No Surprises Act Enforcement Act

At HaloMD, we are dedicated to advocating for healthcare providers as they navigate the complex Independent Dispute Resolution (IDR) process under the No Surprises Act. We are proud to endorse the newly introduced **No Surprises Act Enforcement Act (H.R.9572)**, a bipartisan bill sponsored by **Greg Murphy, M.D., Raul Ruiz, M.D., John Joyce, M.D., Kim Schrier, M.D.,** and **Jimmy Panetta** in September 2024.

Strengthening the No Surprises Act

The **No Surprises Act Enforcement Act** seeks to close significant enforcement gaps that have allowed insurers to delay or avoid payments after IDR rulings. The bill imposes penalties on insurers who fail to comply with statutory payment deadlines, including interest payments on overdue amounts. The goal is to ensure that healthcare providers receive timely and accurate payments for services rendered, in line with the rulings from the IDR process.

The **No Surprises Act**, which passed in 2020, was designed to protect patients from surprise out-of-network medical bills. However, since its implementation, many healthcare providers have experienced significant payment delays following favorable IDR decisions. According to recent surveys, **24% of provider-favorable disputes** remain unpaid or incorrectly paid, resulting in financial uncertainty for many out-of-network providers.

Key Provisions

This legislation reinforces the original intent of the **No Surprises Act** by:

- Increasing penalties on health plans for non-compliance with payment deadlines.
- Establishing parity between penalties applied to healthcare providers and insurance companies.
- Improving transparency by requiring detailed reporting on payment delays and compliance issues

Industry Support

The bill has gained widespread support from leading medical organizations, including the **American Society of Anesthesiologists (ASA)**, **Emergency Department Practice Management Association (EDPMA)** and the **American College of Radiology (ACR)**. These organizations emphasize the financial burden that delayed payments impose on providers, undermining the goals of the No Surprises Act. They agree that the enforcement measures in this bill are necessary to ensure insurers meet their obligations.

Why This Matters

Healthcare providers depend on timely reimbursements to maintain financial stability. The enforcement measures introduced in the **No Surprises Act Enforcement Act** will ensure that insurers follow through on IDR decisions, providing out-of-network providers with the financial security they need to continue delivering quality care to their patients.

HaloMD urges Congress to pass this vital legislation to uphold the integrity of the **No Surprises Act** and ensure a fair, transparent system for resolving payment disputes between providers and insurers.

Sources:

[Greg Murphy's Press Release on No Surprises Act Enforcement Act](#) [Congressman Greg Murphy](#)

[Panetta Introduces Legislation to Improve Enforcement of No Surprises Act](#) [Congressman Jimmy Panetta](#)

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