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Resources Concerning the No Surprises Act

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Summary of the Law

- [AMA Guide to Surprise Billing Provisions in the Consolidated Appropriations Act](#)

Implementing Regulations

- [Interim Final Rule on Requirements Related to Surprise Billing; Part I](#)
 - ✓ Summary of the Interim Final Rule, Part I: [Initial AMA Summary of Interim Final Rule \(Part I\) Implementing Certain Provisions of the No Surprises Act](#)
 - ✓ TMA advocacy related to Interim Final Rule, Part I: [Texas Medical Association et al. comments to the departments in response to Interim Final Rule, Part I](#)
- [Interim Final Rule on Requirements Related to Surprise Billing; Part II](#)
 - ✓ Summary of the Interim Final Rule, Part II: [AMA Summary of the No Surprises Act \(NSA\) Interim Final Rule \(IFR\) Requirements Related to Surprise Billing: Part II](#)
 - ✓ TMA advocacy related to Interim Final Rule, Part II:
 - TMA lawsuit challenging qualifying payment amount rebuttable presumption: [TMA Sues Feds Over Arbitration Rule for Surprise Billing Law](#)
 - Nov. 17, 2021, letter to departments in response to Interim Final Rule, Part II: [TMA, Other Physician Groups Urge Reconsideration of Surprise Billing Rule](#)
- [AMA Toolkit for Physicians: Preparing for Implementation of the No Surprises Act](#)

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Resources

- [CMS No Surprises website](#)
- [CMS: Overview of rules & fact sheets](#)
See also, CMS "Guidance & technical resources," including:
 - ✓ [Standard Notice and Consent Documents Under the No Surprises Act](#)
 - ✓ [Model Disclosure Notice Regarding Patient Protections Against Surprise Billing](#)
- [CMS provider resources](#), including [Overview of Public Health Service \(PHS\) Act Provider and Facility Requirements](#)

- [FAQs About Affordable Care Act and Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 Implementation Part 49](#)
(See FAQs regarding advanced explanation of benefits)
- [CMS email update subscription](#)
- [DHHS Guidance on Good Faith Estimates and the Patient-Provider Dispute Resolution \(PPDR\) Process for Providers and Facilities as Established in Surprise Billing, Part II; Interim Final Rule with Comment Period](#)

Texas Department of Insurance (TDI) Resources

- [TDI: Balance billing: independent dispute resolution \(discussing federal and Texas surprise billing laws\)](#)
 - ✓ [TDI: Balance billing: health care provider resources](#)
 - ✓ [TDI: Report and resources: Texas approach to the No Surprises Act \(PowerPoint\)](#)

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