

Surprise balance billing is an issue that occurs when someone gets medical care at an in-network facility, however, without their knowledge, one of the providers is out of network. They won't know that they are out of network until they receive the bill. Let's use a hypothetical example- you were playing basketball with your son in your driveway, your ankle moves in an awkward direction and you are diagnosed with a broken ankle and you need surgery. The orthopedic surgeon may be in-network; however the anesthesiologist is out of network. Now -possibly weeks after the procedure- you will be sent a bill for a few thousand dollars that you have to pay to cover the anesthesiologist.

The Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce Health Care Committee supports the ending of surprise balance billing and the committee is currently looking at taking a stance on HB 1862- a bill that was just voted unanimously out of the Insurance Committee and is now awaiting action on the house floor. This is an important bill for the Chamber membership to understand, and the Health Care committee will do its due diligence to come out with a stance and educate the membership.