

“Good Faith Estimate for Health Care Items and Services”

Under the No Surprises Act (For use by health care providers, facilities, and providers of air ambulance services no later than January 1, 2022)

Instructions

Under Section 2799B-6 of the Public Health Service Act and its implementing regulations, health care providers, health care facilities, and providers of air ambulance services are required to provide a good faith estimate of expected charges for items and services to individuals who are not enrolled in a group health plan or group or individual health insurance coverage, or a Federal health care program, or a Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) program health benefits plan (uninsured individuals) or not seeking to file a claim with their group health plan, health insurance coverage, or FEHB health benefits plan (self-pay individuals) in writing (and may also provide it orally, if an uninsured (or self-pay) individual requests a good faith estimate in a method other than paper or electronically), upon request or at the time of scheduling health care items and services. For ease of reference, for purposes of this document, the term “provider” should be considered to include providers of air ambulance services. This form may be used by the health care providers and facilities to inform uninsured (or self-pay) individuals of the expected charges for receiving certain health care items and services. A good faith estimate must be provided within 3 business days upon request. Information regarding scheduled items and services must be furnished within 1 business day of scheduling an item or service to be provided in at least 3 business days; and within 3 business days of scheduling an item or service to be provided in at least 10 business days. The good faith estimate for Southlake Plastic Surgery is in the form of the Surgical Quote, and this form of notice, including the provision of certain required information, is necessary to begin the patient-provider dispute resolution process.

NOTE: This notice is intended only to be a general informal summary of technical legal standards. It is not intended to take the place of the statutes, regulations, or formal policy guidance upon which it is based. Readers should refer to the applicable statutes, regulations, and other interpretive materials for complete and current information, including the HHS interim final rules (IFR) titled Requirements Related to Surprise Billing; Part II, published on October 7, 2021.