

# NATIONAL COALITION ON BENEFITS

## Employers Urge Ban on Surprise Medical Billing

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**WASHINGTON, June 25, 2019** – The National Coalition on Benefits issued the following statement in recognition of the bipartisan introduction of legislation to ban surprise medical billing in S. 1895, the Lower Health Care Costs Act. NCB sent a [letter](#) to the full congressional leadership on June 14, 2019.

“NCB members are united in the desire to promote better quality and lower-cost health care for consumers, which includes a ban on “surprise” medical bills generated by facility-based physicians. We believe this can be accomplished through the establishment of a fair market-based benchmark rate for these facility-based out-of-network physicians and greater transparency from health care providers as is provided under S. 1895. It is also critical that any solution to surprise billing preserve national uniformity under the federal ERISA law, which protects the ability of employers to provide uniform health benefits to employees across the country.”

“We look forward to working with the bipartisan leadership of the Senate HELP Committee – Chairman Alexander and Ranking Member Murray – as their joint bill is developed further through committee action.”

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The National Coalition on Benefits (NCB) is dedicated to preserving the benefits of the more than 181 million Americans who receive health insurance through employers. The Coalition is comprised of major employer trade associations, representing large and small employers. NCB also include many large employers with employees in all 50 states.