



Chairman Jason Smith (R-MO)
House Committee on Ways and Means

Dear Chairman Smith:

On behalf of Better Solutions for Healthcare, we are writing to request the inclusion of Reps. Kevin Hern (R-OK) and Ann Kuster's (D-NH) bill, *Facilitating Accountability in Reimbursements Act* (FAIR Act), in the expected upcoming House Committee on Ways and Means markup. The FAIR Act aims to harmonize billing practices in off-campus hospital outpatient facilities and end hospital systems' "dishonest billing" practices. The FAIR Act offers a practical solution to tackling Americans' skyrocketing healthcare costs by implementing processes to increase transparency and ensure honest billing practices.

Better Solutions for Healthcare is a coalition of leading business and healthcare organizations, including national employer groups, American Benefits Council, National Alliance for Healthcare Purchaser Coalitions, Public Sector HealthCare Roundtable, and Business Group on Health, as well as hundreds of local and state business leaders. Our coalition's mission is to educate the public about the role corporate hospital systems play in driving up the cost of healthcare and ways to lower the prices Americans pay for care.

Eliminating corporate hospital systems' dishonest billing practices would protect employers, employees, and their families from abusive billing practices and provide welcome relief from the ever-growing healthcare cost burdens. In fact, a recent study¹ estimated that addressing dishonest billing by standardizing hospital prices for specific sets of services would save employers and employees nationally almost half a trillion dollars over the next decade.

It's no secret hospital prices in our country are out of control and continue to rise every single year, which is exactly why this legislation should be considered by the Ways and Means Committee.

Americans depend on pragmatic legislators like you to work together to address the problem of hospital costs – we urge the Ways and Means Committee to consider and pass this critical legislation to end dishonest billing.

Sincerely,
Better Solutions for Healthcare

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