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## **SB 1626**

Introduced by  
Senators Werner: Angius, Carroll, Gowan, Shamp, Shope

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 20-3117, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO THE TIMELY  
PAYMENT OF CLAIMS.

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1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 20-3117, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
3 read:

4 20-3117. Dispute resolution; notice of rights

5 A. The department in conjunction with the appropriate health care  
6 boards shall prescribe the notice outlining an enrollee's rights to  
7 dispute surprise out-of-network bills under this article.

8 B. Health insurers shall include the notice prescribed pursuant to  
9 subsection A of this section in each explanation of benefits or other  
10 similar claim adjudication notice that is issued to enrollees and that  
11 involves covered services provided by a noncontracted health care  
12 provider. **THIS SUBSECTION APPLIES ONLY TO CLAIMS THAT ARE NOT SUBJECT TO  
13 AN INDEPENDENT DISPUTE RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO THE NO SURPRISES ACT (P.L.  
14 116-120; 134 STAT. 2758; 42 UNITED STATES CODE SECTION 201).**

15 C. If an enrollee contacts a health care provider, a provider's  
16 representative or a billing company regarding a dispute involving a  
17 surprise out-of-network bill **THAT IS NOT SUBJECT TO AN INDEPENDENT DISPUTE  
18 RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO THE NO SURPRISES ACT (P.L. 116-120; 134 STAT. 2758;  
19 42 UNITED STATES CODE SECTION 201)**, the health care provider, the  
20 provider's representative or the billing company shall provide written  
21 notice as prescribed in subsection A of this section to the enrollee of  
22 the dispute resolution process.

23 D. The department shall post on its website information for health  
24 care consumers regarding what constitutes a surprise out-of-network bill,  
25 how to try to avoid a surprise out-of-network bill and how the dispute  
26 resolution process may be used to resolve a surprise out-of-network bill.