

I read with interest the article in today's paper regarding "surprise balances".

I know some hospitals do employ physicians that are out-of-network. If you are critically ill & go to the ER you would expect those physicians to be in network but I've learned that's not always the case. The same is true of anesthesiologists. If you're having emergency surgery, the last thing one thinks about is whether they are in network if the hospital is in network.

If a hospital employs physicians knowing they are not in network for specific insurances they offer, I feel that burden to collect payment should be between the hospital, physician, & the insurance companies. The patient should be left out of the loop altogether.

I hope that an agreement can be reached that takes the burden of these expenses off the patient and/or their family.

Thank you for your efforts.

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