

# Good Faith Estimate

## NOTICE

You have the right to receive a **“Good Faith Estimate”** explaining how much your medical care will cost.



Under the law, health care providers need to give patients **who do not have insurance** or **who are not using insurance** an estimate of the bill for medical items and services. This is called a **Good Faith Estimate**.

- ▶ You have the right to receive a Good Faith Estimate for the total expected cost of any non-emergency items or services. This includes related costs like medical tests, prescription drugs, equipment and hospital fees.
- ▶ Make sure your health care provider gives you a Good Faith Estimate in writing at least 3 business days before your medical service if your services are scheduled less than 9 days in advance. Estimates can be provided within 3 business days if scheduled 10 days in advance. Or within 1 business day upon request. You can also ask any health care provider or facility for a Good Faith Estimate before you schedule an item or service. If you do, make sure the healthcare provider or facility gives you a Good Faith Estimate in writing within 3 business days after you ask.
- ▶ This Good Faith Estimate shows the costs of items and services that are reasonably expected for your health care needs for an item or service. The estimate is based on information known at the time the estimate was created. If you receive a bill that is at least \$400 more than your Good Faith Estimate, you can dispute the bill.
- ▶ Make sure to save a copy or picture of your Good Faith Estimate.

For questions or more information about your right to a Good Faith Estimate or the dispute process, visit [www.cms.gov/nosurprises](http://www.cms.gov/nosurprises) or call **1.800.985.3059**.

