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Neurosurgeons Express Support for Reps. Ruiz and Bucshon Effort to Amend the “No Surprises Act”

An independent dispute resolution process is a critical element of any legislation designed to address unanticipated medical bills.

The following statement is attributed to:

Ann R. Stroink, MD, Chair, Washington Committee for Neurosurgery,
American Association of Neurological Surgeons and Congress of Neurological Surgeons

“The American Association of Neurological Surgeons and the Congress of Neurological Surgeons are pleased to support the amendment to H.R. 3630, the ‘No Surprises Act,’ which incorporates an independent dispute resolution (IDR) process to resolve payment disputes between health plans and providers in surprise medical bill situations. We appreciate the leadership of Reps. **Raul Ruiz, MD**, (D-Calif.) and **Larry Bucshon, MD**, (R-Ind.) and their tireless efforts to protect patients from unanticipated medical bills, while at the same time creating a more level playing field that incentivizes insurers to compensate physicians at reasonable rates. We also thank Energy and Commerce Committee Chair **Frank Pallone** (R-NJ) and Ranking Member **Greg Walden** (R-Ore.) for working collaboratively to achieve this compromise. The AANS and CNS look forward to continuing to work with members of Congress on a final solution that provides strong patient protections, improves transparency, promotes access to appropriate medical care, and creates incentives for insurers and health care providers to negotiate network participation contracts in good faith.”

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