

# U.S. Rep. Gallagher: Introduces bill to improve transparency in healthcare pricing

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**WASHINGTON, D.C.** – Today Congressman Mike Gallagher, joined by his colleague Ed Perlmutter (D-CO), introduced bipartisan legislation to require all medical providers, including insurers and drug companies, to publicly disclose costs for all products, services and procedures. The [Transparency in All Health Care Pricing Act of 2019](#) requires all price disclosures to be available at the point of purchase; in print and online; and include all wholesale, retail, subsidized, discounted or other prices.

“The rising cost of healthcare is one of the issues I hear about most from families across Northeast Wisconsin,” **said Congressman Gallagher.** “This is why I am proud to introduce bipartisan legislation with Rep. Perlmutter that would require healthcare providers to tell you exactly how much their procedures, products, and services cost. Clear and easy-to-understand pricing will increase competition, and competition will bring down healthcare costs for everyone.”

“Ensuring accessible price transparency in healthcare is a key part of the healthcare puzzle. It will allow consumers and patients to have the information they need to make important medical decisions for them and their family,” **said Congressman Perlmutter.** “Improving transparency and accountability in the healthcare market will help drive competition, bring down prices and promote high-quality services.”

“Healthcare is the only industry where consumers don’t know the price of a service until after they’ve had it done, when they no longer have a choice. If consumers

could see real prices in advance, they could shop for healthcare the way they shop for everything else, by comparing quality and price,” **said Marni Jameson Carey, executive director of the [Association of Independent Doctors](#)**, a national nonprofit trade association with more than a 1,000 doctor members in 35 states working to lower healthcare costs. “Once consumers are armed with information, they will move the market. The cost needle could come down very quickly.”

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