

American Bridge: Says fewer surprise medical bills in 2022 are no thanks to Ron Johnson

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Johnson voted against the “No Surprises Act,” despite its patient protections

Despite opposition from Ron Johnson, effective January 1, 2022, “federal law bans many types of out-of-network medical bills and puts the onus on doctors and health insurance companies to resolve their payment disputes,” [as highlighted by Axios.](#)

Via [Axios](#):

- “Consumers can breathe a sigh of relief because, in many scenarios, they should no longer face unexpected charges from doctors who are not in their insurance networks.”
- “Instead of sending out bills, doctors and insurance companies have to resolve their differences while holding the patient harmless.”
- “The bottom line: The law will save a lot of patients from financial ruin. But a lot of gaps remain in the health care system.”

Ron Johnson opposed the ban limiting many surprise medical bills, the No Surprises Act, when he [voted in opposition](#) to December 2020’s Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 — **siding with corporate health care interests**

instead of Wisconsinites.

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Axios: [Many surprise medical bills are now illegal](#)

NPR: [Law aiming to protect consumers against surprise medical bills takes effect](#)

CNN: [Patients won't have to fear as many surprise medical bills come January](#)

MSNBC: [MaddowBlog: Why the 'No Surprises Act' will soon make a difference for consumers](#)