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## ICYMI: Biden Budget Sets Sights on Hospital “Junk” Fees

On Monday (March 11), the Biden Administration released the Department of Health and Human Services’ [“Fiscal Year 2025 Budget in Brief”](#) which includes a proposal to help reduce health care costs by banning hospital facility fees for patients when their care isn’t received in a hospital.

The proposal, which would save \$2.3 billion over 10 years, would **“ban facility fees for telehealth and certain outpatient services in commercial insurance,”** explaining:

“As hospitals expand ownership of outpatient and physician office settings, consumers are seeing an uptick in fees for more than just the care provided to them. These “facility fees” are increasingly a driver of healthcare costs in America and are leading to consumers being charged as though they received treatment in a hospital even if they never entered one. This proposal would prohibit hospitals from billing unwarranted facility fees for telehealth services and for certain other outpatient services.” (Page 115 of the [HHS Budget in Brief](#))

**Charging patients a hospital ‘facility fee’ for telehealth services that occur in the patient’s home feels particularly egregious. Sadly, it is happening, which is why the Alliance to Fight for Health Care** supports site-neutral payment reform and policies to tamp down or eliminate hospital facility fees for care received outside of the hospital setting.

Check out the December [letter](#) from the **Alliance to Fight for Health Care** to House Leadership in support of Sections 203 & 204 in H.R. 5378, the *Lower Costs, More Transparency Act (LCMT)*, which is currently awaiting Senate consideration and action.

[Click here](#) to learn why you should support site-neutral payment reform (Section 203) and honest billing (Section 204) in the LCMT.

The **Alliance to Fight for Health Care** is a broad-based coalition comprised of businesses, patient advocates, employer organizations, unions, health care companies, consumer groups and other stakeholders that support employer-provided health coverage. Together, we are working to ensure that employer-provided coverage remains an available and affordable option for working Americans and their families.

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