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Alliance to Fight for Health Care Applauds Bipartisan Introduction of the Transparency in Billing Act

The **Alliance to Fight for Health Care**, a diverse coalition comprised of businesses, patient advocates, employer organizations, unions, health care companies, consumer groups and other stakeholders that support employer-provided health coverage, today applauds Representatives Virginia Foxx (R-NC) and Bobby Scott (D-VA) for the bipartisan introduction of H.R. 4509, the Transparency in Billing Act, which aims to ensure fair billing practices for care provided by off-campus hospital outpatient departments (HOPDs).

This bill helps lower health care costs for employers, employees, and taxpayers by ensuring services that can safely be provided in off-campus facilities are billed transparently and reimbursed fairly. Beginning with plan years that begin on or after January 1, 2024, the bill requires off-campus HOPDs to use a unique health identifier when filing health insurance claims and allows the government to assess civil monetary penalties when hospitals fail to bill patients appropriately.

“Enhanced transparency ensures that patients, employers, and other payers are charged appropriately based on where the care was received,” said **James A. Klein**, president of the **American Benefits Council**. “Bipartisan efforts to improve price transparency will help ensure that patients, employers, health plans and the government are not overpaying for care. The Alliance looks forward to working with Congress to enact meaningful legislation like H.R. 4509 to help reduce health care costs.”

The Committee on Education and Workforce will mark up H.R. 4509 on Wednesday, July 12.

The **Alliance to Fight for Health Care** is a diverse 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 effective and affordable option for working Americans and their families. The coalition (previously working as the **Alliance to Fight the 40**), led the successful effort to repeal the so-called 40% “Cadillac Tax” on health care coverage.

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