GOOD FAITH ESTIMATE

if you’re uninsured or you pay for health care bills yourself, health care providers and facilities must provide you with an estimate of expected charges before you get an item or service. This is called a “good faith estimate.” Providers and facilities must provide you with a good faith estimate if you request one, or after you’ve scheduled an item or service. It should include expected charges for the primary item or service you’re getting, and any other items or services that are provided as part of the same scheduled visit.

- Make sure your health care provider gives you a good faith estimate in writing 1 business day after scheduling your medical service or item. If you schedule the item or service at least 10 business days before the date you will receive it, or request cost information about an item or service, the provider or facility must give you a good faith estimate no later than 3 business days after scheduling or requesting.

- If you receive a bill that is at least $400 more than your good faith estimate, you can dispute the bill.

- Make sure you keep a copy of the good faith estimate.

For questions or additional information about your right to a good faith estimate, visit https://www.cms.gov/nosurprises/consumers or call 1-800-985-3059.