

You have the right to receive a “Good Faith Estimate” explaining how much your medical care will cost

Under the law, health care providers need to give patients who don't have insurance or who are not using insurance an estimate of the bill for medical items and services.

- You have the right to receive a Good Faith Estimate for the total expected cost of any non-emergency items or services. This includes related costs like medical tests, prescription drugs, equipment, and hospital fees.
- Make sure your health care provider gives you a Good Faith Estimate in writing at least 1 business day before your medical service or item. You can also ask your health care provider, and any other provider you choose, for a Good Faith Estimate before you schedule an item or service.
- If you receive a bill that is at least \$400 more than your Good Faith Estimate, you can dispute the bill.
- Make sure to save a copy or picture of your Good Faith Estimate.

For questions or more information about your right to a Good Faith Estimate, visit www.cms.gov/nosurprises.

Form letter for perfecting privilege of payment

(To be typed onto your letterhead.)

NOTICE OF HEALTH CARE PROVIDER PRIVILEGE

To: *(insert the name and address of the party to whom you are giving notice)*

From: *(insert your name and address)*

A health care provider licensed to practice in Louisiana

Regarding my patient: *(Name of patient)*
(Address of patient)

Who was injured on *(insert date of injury)*. The party alleged to be liable for health care expenses resulting from the injury is *(insert name of person or insurance carrier liable for payment)*.

Date of Notice: *(insert date)*

This notice is provided in accordance with R. S. 9:4751 through 4755 to secure the Health Care Provider Privilege provided for by law in favor of *(insert your name)* for charges and fees incurred by *(insert your patient's name)*.

Under these provisions, "Any person who, having received notice in accordance with the provisions hereof, pays over any monies subject to the privilege created herein, to any injured person, or to the attorney, heirs, or legal representatives of an injured person, shall be liable to the licensed health care provider, hospital, or ambulance service having such privilege for the amount thereof, not to exceed the net amount paid."

Sincerely,

Your Name