



Frequently Asked Questions

Oregonians are being ripped off by hidden medical fees. We deserve fair, transparent health care, but hospitals are standing in the way. The time is now to ban hidden medical fees and put hardworking Oregonians above hospital system profits.

What are hidden medical fees?

Hidden medical fees, also known as “facility fees”, are unexpected and expensive charges that you often find on a medical bill. These are administrative costs that have nothing to do with covering the actual care you receive.

Why should I be concerned about hidden medical fees?

Too many hardworking Oregonians and families today are struggling to afford their medical care and access basic health care services due to a pile up of unexpected and costly fees. When you receive a medical bill, you can be blindsided by charges that you didn’t expect and can’t afford. This can push you into medical debt and force you to make tough decisions.

How will banning hidden medical fees benefit me?

Banning hidden medical fees will give you more control over your health care costs. Before receiving care, you will be provided with a clear estimate of what you will be charged, helping you avoid any surprises. Eliminating these hidden fees will also reduce the cost of routine services, freeing you to see your doctor when you need to without worrying about how you are going to pay for it.

Do Oregonians support banning hidden medical fees?

Yes. 92% of Oregon voters – including 93% of Democrats and 90% of Republicans – believe hospitals should be required to provide up-front cost estimates.

Have other states taken action to ban hidden medical fees?

Yes. As of September 2024, 18 other states have passed legislation to address hidden medical fees.

What can I do to protect Oregonians from hidden medical fees?

You can make your voice heard by contacting your state legislators and urging them to support a bill banning hidden medical fees up for consideration in the legislature. Let them know why this issue is important to you and that the time is now to ban hidden medical fees and put hardworking Oregonians above hospital system profits.