

January 21, 2026

The Honorable Mike Johnson  
Speaker  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable John Thune  
Majority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Chuck Schumer  
Minority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries  
Minority Leader  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Johnson, Majority Leader Thune, Minority Leader Schumer, and Minority Leader Jeffries:

High and rising health care prices are pushing affordable health care [out of reach](#) for millions of Americans. They increase premiums, force businesses into painful tradeoffs between wages and benefits, and lead many patients to delay or forgo needed care. In recent months, Americans' [frustration with the unsustainable cost of health care](#) has reached a tipping point, fueling growing [demands for action](#).

You have an opportunity right now to take a meaningful, achievable step to help lower health care costs for the families, workers, and employers you represent **by advancing site-of-service billing transparency in the end-of-month health care package**. There are many actions Congress can take to lower health care costs. This is one of multiple bipartisan, commonsense reforms that would address high prices, a root driver of the health care affordability crisis.

One central barrier to lowering costs is the lack of clear, usable information about the care patients receive, including its price, the location the care was delivered in, and the individuals or entities that have an ownership stake in the provider (such as private equity firms or other corporate owners).

**Site-of-service billing transparency is a logical and necessary next step to create a more transparent, affordable health care system.** Requiring all off-campus hospital outpatient departments to have unique National Provider Identifiers (NPIs) would allow patients, employers, and payers to see where care is actually delivered and help protect patients from unjustified hospital facility fees. Today's billing practices obscure this information, enabling hospitals to bill at higher hospital rates for care delivered in physician offices or off-campus clinics. Claims [frequently list](#) a hospital's main campus or billing office rather than the actual site of care, preventing accurate, rational pricing for routine services.

Establishing site-of-service billing transparency would lower costs for patients and employers and save taxpayers [\\$2.3 billion over ten years](#). It is a targeted, commonsense reform that builds on existing transparency efforts, bringing much-needed clarity to hospital billing.

The [Alliance for Fair Health Pricing \(AFFHP\)](#) is a non-partisan group of organizations that represent patients, employers, and consumers. The constituencies we each serve are clear and united: they want action on health care affordability. Including NPI-based site-of-service transparency in the January health care package would represent a major step toward restoring accountability and ensuring patients are not charged more simply because of who owns the building where they receive care.

We urge you to seize this opportunity to advance transparency and increase affordability for the families and employers you represent.

Sincerely,

