

# “No Surprises Act” and “Good Faith Estimate Law” – NOTICE

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Dear Current And Potential Future Clients,

Apparently Congress enacted a “No Surprises Act” which is set to go into effect 1/1/2022. The act is described as “new federal protections against surprise medical bills that take effect in 2022. [Surprise medical bills](https://www.kff.org/health-reform/issue-brief/no-surprises-act-implementation-what-to-expect-in-2022/) arise when insured consumers inadvertently receive care from out-of-network hospitals, doctors, or other providers they did not choose” (please see <https://www.kff.org/health-reform/issue-brief/no-surprises-act-implementation-what-to-expect-in-2022/>).

It is highly unlikely this could affect our work together. There will be no situation in which you would “inadvertently” receive care from Denver Counseling Group or with no choice. Also, the final rules about how to implement this in a practices have not even been written yet by the federal government. We are considered “out of network”, and you may read more about this at <https://www.cms.gov/nosurprises>.

If we currently work together, you are already aware of our charges and your costs. If you are considering working with us, available information suggests we might need to provide you with a diagnosis before we even meet, which of course would be both unethical and impossible without a meaningful evaluation of your circumstances. At this time, multiple professional organizations are scrambling to understand the details of this law, to whom it applies and how to apply it. Guidance so far is uncertain and in many cases conflicting.

Rest assured that we will be as transparent with you about the costs of the services we agree on together. You will have “no surprises” here. This transparency is required by ethical standards by which we have abided for the many years we have been in practice, and simply because it is necessary for us to work well together. We will also provide information on a best estimate, but of course estimates may change depending upon the course of therapy and the changing needs of treatment.

In the meantime, you may certainly ask us about any costs about which you may be unsure, and you will be provided clear information. Please feel free to contact us if you have any related questions. Our contact information is available under the CONTACT menu on this website.