



ACCT Members,

Over the past year, ACCT has engaged with key Senate and House lawmakers working on the surprise billing issue as it relates to the air ambulance industry. Our outreach led to the inclusion of several long-standing ACCT policy objectives and favorable revisions in the most recent bipartisan surprise billing proposal announced by the Senate HELP and Energy & Commerce Committees on December 9, 2019. The bipartisan legislation aims to end surprise billing, increase transparency, competition, and offer an arbitration process.

Please see our attached position statement with regard to the air ambulance provisions of the HELP/E&C proposal. We are very pleased and encouraged by the changes that have been incorporated at our request. ACCT is most grateful to the key Committee leaders – HELP Chairman Lamar Alexander, HELP Ranking Member Patty Murray, E&C Chairman Frank Pallone, and E&C Ranking Member Greg Walden – for working with us throughout the process to protect patients. We aren't done negotiating, and we look forward to addressing remaining issues in our discussions with the relevant Committees.

Notably, the process is still fluid and as of this writing, it is unclear if the proposal will advance this year or be rolled up into a larger healthcare package emerging into a February bill. We will keep the ACCT membership updated as more details emerge.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin Reynolds".

Kevin Reynolds
Board Chair
Association of Critical Care Transport

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Roxanne Shanks
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