

# 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/consumers](http://www.cms.gov/nosurprises/consumers) or call Kootenai Health at (208) 625-4484.**

