

## 29 C.F.R. § 2590.716-5

## Preventing surprise medical bills for non-emergency services performed by nonparticipating providers at certain participating facilities.

- (a) *In general.* If a group health plan, or a health insurance issuer offering group health insurance coverage, provides or covers any benefits with respect to items and services described in paragraph (b) of this section, the plan or issuer must cover the items and services when furnished by a nonparticipating provider in accordance with paragraph (c) of this section.
- (b) *Items and services described.* The items and services described in this paragraph (b) are items and services (other than emergency services) furnished to a participant or beneficiary by a nonparticipating provider with respect to a visit at a participating health care facility, unless the provider has satisfied the notice and consent criteria of 45 CFR 149.420(c) through (i) with respect to such items and services.

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