

## Guidance Covers Majority of States

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has released [enforcement letters](#) for a majority of states regarding the enforcement of certain provisions of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 (CAA). The CAA, enacted on Dec. 27, 2020, established new protections for consumers related to surprise billing (under the No Surprises Act) and transparency in health care.

The letters address:

- CMS's understanding of the provisions each state is enforcing, either directly or through a collaborative enforcement agreement;
- The provisions that CMS will directly enforce;
- Whether the federal independent dispute resolution process and the federal patient-provider dispute resolution process apply in each state, and in what circumstances.

Currently, there are seven states **without** enforcement letters: Alaska, Arizona, Illinois, Nevada, New York, Ohio and Tennessee. CMS has also created a [No Surprises Act webpage](#), which provides fact sheets on what the rules cover, consumer information about the rights and protections available, and information on how to resolve out-of-network payment disputes.