

Surprise Medical Bills

October 29, 2020

AGENDA

- 10:00 AM** **Welcome**
Kari M. Bruffett, Vice President for Policy, Kansas Health Institute
- 10:10 AM** **State Actions on Surprise Billing Consumer Protections**
Colleen Becker, M.P.P., Senior Policy Specialist, National Conference of State Legislatures
- 10:35 AM** **Panel Discussion: A Path to Protection for Consumers**
Celia Llopis-Jepsen, Health Reporter, Kansas News Service
Jack Hoadley, Ph.D., Research Professor Emeritus, Georgetown University Health Policy Institute
Senator Chuck Hufstetler, 52nd District, Georgia General Assembly
Laura Colbert, M.P.H., Executive Director, Georgians for a Healthy Future
Moderator: *Linda J. Sheppard, J.D.*, Senior Analyst & Strategy Team Leader, Kansas Health Institute
- Audience Questions**
- 11:25 AM** **Wrap Up**
Kari M. Bruffett, Vice President for Policy, Kansas Health Institute
- 11:30 AM** **Adjourn**



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SPEAKERS



Colleen Becker, M.P.P.

Colleen Becker is a senior policy specialist at the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL). The policy areas she concentrates on are surprise and balance billing, as well as prescription drugs. She tracks and analyzes legislation, has written numerous policy publications, provides technical assistance to legislators and legislative staff and manages NCSL's Prescription Drug Law Database and Resource Center.

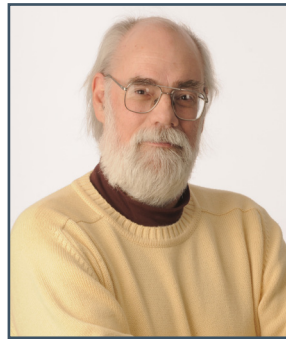
Before joining NCSL, Colleen was the policy coordinator for the Chronic Care Collaborative, an organization that advocates for one in four Coloradoans impacted by chronic disease. Early in her career she spent over a decade as a clinical lab supervisor for Kaiser Permanente where she oversaw all aspects of pathology laboratory operations for the Colorado region. Colleen graduated from the University of Denver with a Master's Degree in Public Policy.

PANEL: A PATH TO PROTECTION FOR CONSUMERS



Celia Llopis-Jepsen

Celia Llopis-Jepsen is a public radio reporter covering health for the Kansas News Service. She has previously covered the Kansas Statehouse and Kansas education. She has a master's in journalism from Columbia University. Read more [here](#).



Jack Hoadley, Ph.D.

Jack Hoadley is Research Professor Emeritus in the Health Policy Institute of Georgetown University's McCourt School of Public Policy. He retired in 2017 but continues to conduct research on a part-time basis. In over 35 years as a health policy researcher, he has studied a wide range of health financing topics focusing on Medicare, Medicaid, and private health insurance. His main area of research currently is state and federal consumer protections around surprise medical bills. Read more [here](#).



Senator Chuck Hufstetler

Senator Chuck Hufstetler, represents Northwest Georgia in the Georgia State Senate. Elected in 2012 he serves as Chair of Finance, Vice-Chair of Retirement, and a member of Higher Education, Health and Human Services, and Appropriations. He served as a member and chair of the Floyd County Commission from 1998 to 2006. He also was the Finance chair of that body. Read more [here](#).



Laura Colbert, M.P.H.

Laura Colbert is the Executive Director at Georgians for a Healthy Future, a non-profit consumer health advocacy organization that works to advance access to quality, affordable health care for all Georgians through education and outreach, coalition building and mobilization, and public policy advocacy. Read more [here](#).



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