

May 24, 2019

The Honorable Frank Pallone  
Chair, House Committee on  
Energy and Commerce  
2125 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Greg Walden  
Ranking Member, House Committee on  
Energy and Commerce  
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Dear Chairman Pallone and Ranking Member Walden:

As the nation's oldest and largest dental professional organization, representing over 163,000 members, the American Dental Association thanks you for the opportunity to provide feedback on your bipartisan discussion draft, the No Surprises Act.

We want to confirm that your definition of "an emergency department of a hospital or an independent freestanding emergency department" as defined in section 2719A(b)(2) of the Public Health Service Act will be maintained in final bill language and will not be expanded further. We would also like to confirm that "Health Care Facility," as defined beginning on page 13, line 23 of the draft bill, does not include dental practices and is limited only to the facilities explicitly laid out in that section. These clarifications are necessary for ensuring that patients and providers are able to understand and navigate the health care benefits system.

We applaud your leadership on this issue and welcome the opportunity for further discussion. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Natalie Hales at 202-898-2404 or [halesn@ada.org](mailto:halesn@ada.org).

Sincerely,

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