



About the Wisconsin Radiological Society

The purpose of the **Wisconsin Radiological Society (WRS)** is: Advancing the science of radiology, improving radiologic service to patients and the medical community, and studying the economics of radiology; the encouragement of improved and continuing education for radiologists; and the establishment and maintenance of high medical and ethical standards in the practice of radiology.

What is a Radiologist?

Radiologists are medical doctors (MDs) or doctors of osteopathic medicine (DOs) who specialize in diagnosing and treating diseases and injuries using medical imaging techniques, such as x-rays, computed tomography (CT), magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), nuclear medicine, positron emission tomography (PET) and ultrasound.

Radiological procedures are medically prescribed and should only be conducted by appropriately trained and certified physicians under medically necessary circumstances. Radiologist physicians have four to six years of unique, specific, post-medical school training that includes radiation safety and ensure the optimal performance of radiological procedures and interpretation of medical images.

Wisconsin Implementation of the No Surprises Act

Congress passed the No Surprises Act in December 2020. This historic, bipartisan legislation puts an end to surprise medical bills for patients. It also encourages good faith negotiations between providers and insurers while limiting patient cost-sharing to in-network rates.

Wisconsin physician stakeholders strongly support the provisions outlined in the No Surprises Act that create an independent dispute resolution process that uses a baseball-style arbitration process for providers and insurers to reach agreement on appropriate reimbursement rates.

Wisconsin stakeholders support the following standards for implementing the No Surprises Act in Wisconsin:

- Involve physician stakeholders in any Wisconsin-based rulemaking or policy decisions
- Implement an independent dispute resolution process as outlined by the No Surprises Act
- Recognize the bipartisan federal compromise and do not pass legislation that would preempt the federal provisions that take effect on January 1, 2022.

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