



**JUST ONE EXAMPLE:
WHY THE LEGISLATURE SHOULD SUPPORT
UNCONSCIONABLE PRICE BILLS**

HB 1941 by Rep. Phelan/SB 866 by Sens. Watson & Johnson

A BCBSTX member presented to a free-standing emergency room (FSER) with a complaint of hand lacerations in mid-July 2018. The member received 6 sutures for a right hand wound and 2 sutures for a right index finger wound. The member was seen back at the same FSER a few days later for a wound re-check and again for another wound re-check because on these visits the sutures were determined not ready for removal.

TOTAL Facility charges for these 3 visits \$59,459.73

TOTAL Professional charges for these 3 visits \$11,503.39

The Initial FSER Visit- Suture of the Lacerations

According to the medical records: A BCBSTX patient was treated in a north Texas FSER for a simple repair of lacerated hand and finger and a claim filed for services provided. Eight sutures were placed and the patient was advised to return to the FSER a few days later for a wound check.

- FSER Facility Charges: **\$47,089.67**
- Emergency Physician Professional Charges: **\$6,889.79**

First Follow up FSER Visit- Wound Check

Same patient returned to the FSER for wound check and was told that the sutures were not yet ready to be removed. Patient sent home.

- FSER Facility charges: **\$ 4,270.29**
- Emergency Physician Professional charges: **\$1,884.80**

Second Follow up FSER visit- Another Wound Check

Same patient presented to the FSER for another wound check and possible suture removal.

- FSER Facility charges: **\$ 8,099.77**
- Emergency Physician Professional charges: **\$2,728.80**