



## *Ohio Society of Pathologists*

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**RE: URGENT ACTION NEEDED: From Leadership of the Ohio Society of Pathologists**

Dear OSP Members:

The state budget has not yet been passed. If you haven't responded to the CAP/OSP ACTION ALERTS please do so now. A link has been attached to this email. It will take less than a minute to contact each of the conference committee members.

You've probably seen several action alerts from the CAP requesting you take action as the Ohio State legislature continues its budget negotiations. **Without any legislative hearings, testimony, or opportunity for input from pathologists, the Ohio Legislature is currently contemplating as part of the Ohio budget process a ban on all out-of-network (OON) balance billing, including for pathology and laboratory services when the covered person did not have the ability to select an in-network provider.** The House passed legislation that limits (OON) payments to "the average contracted rate for the service." While the Senate budget bill included a provision barring surprise out-of-network billing for health care costs by requiring providers give written estimates to patients to secure patient consent for OON services.

The Ohio State Budget conference committee (members listed below) is currently reconciling the differences between the Senate and House versions of the budget, which must be finalized by this Wednesday, so we need pathologists to contact the members to let them know of the concerns we have with both budget bills.

Sen. Matt Dolan (R-Chagrin Falls)  
Sen. Dave Burke (R-Marysville)  
Sen. Sean O'Brien (D-Cortland)  
Rep. Scott Oelslager (R-North Canton)  
Rep. Jim Butler (R-Dayton)  
Rep. Jack Cera (D-Bellaire)

Can you please send a message to your state legislator via the link below? Please let us know if you

receive any feedback from the office.

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