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Under New York's surprise billing law, providers gaining upper hand

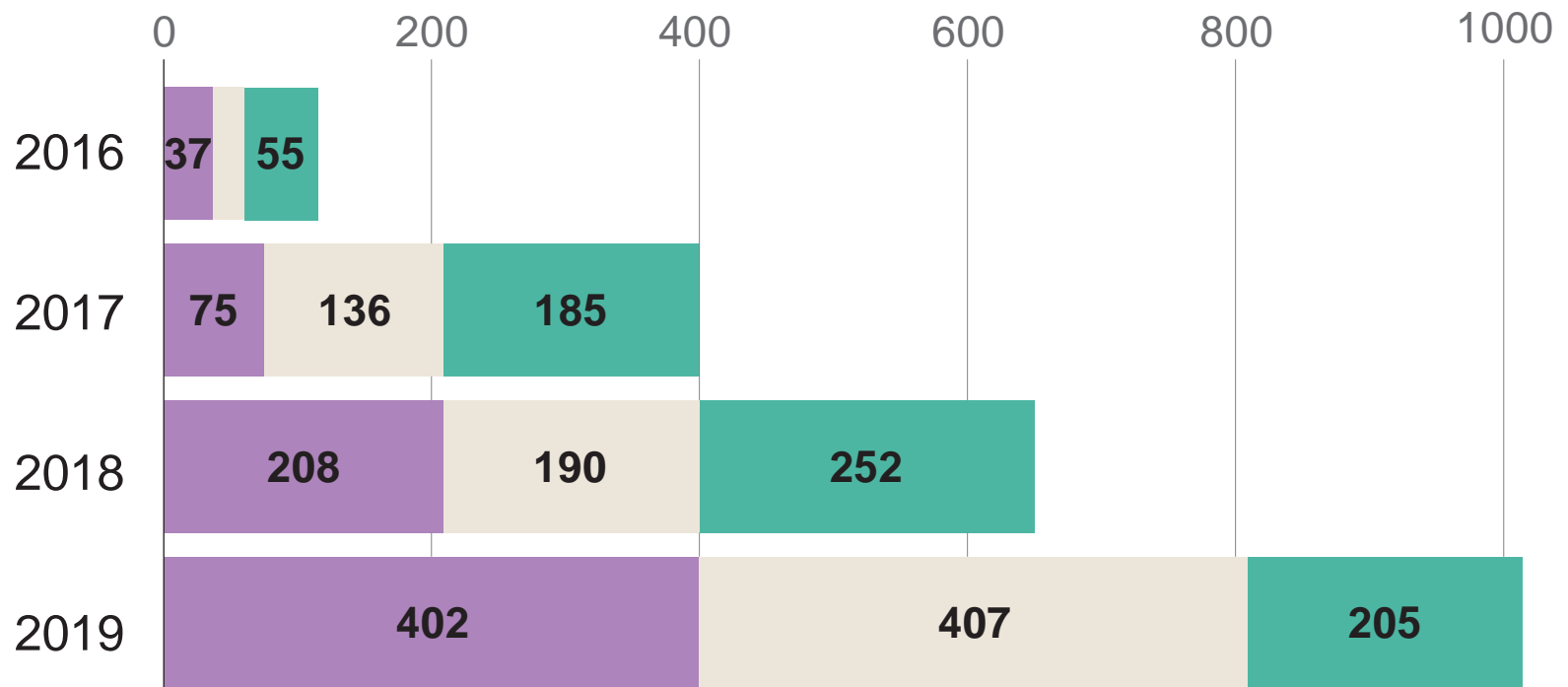
A state report on arbitration decisions resulting from New York's surprise billing law shows that providers are now winning price disputes more often than health plans, reversing the trend seen in the law's initial years. The state law has been cited as one potential model for federal surprise billing legislation in Congress, and is generally perceived as favorable for providers.

Sources: New York State Department of Financial Services, "Report on the independent dispute resolution process"; Loren Adler, "Experience with New York's arbitration process for surprise out-of-network bills," USC-Brookings Schaeffer Initiative for Health Policy

Providers are gradually winning more cases

Number of surprise billing arbitration decisions, by winning party

Provider won Split decision Health plan won



Most decisions adhere to law's reference rate

Share of arbitration awards above or below the 80th percentile of charges

