Survivor Views on Medical Debt

47% of cancer patients and survivors incurred medical debt in order to pay for their cancer care, including:

- 70% of those age 35 to 44
- 59% of Black cancer patients & survivors
- 57% in states that have not expanded Medicaid

98% had health care coverage at the time they incurred cancer debt

Those with cancer debt are more than three times as likely to be behind on recommended cancer screenings:

- 77% With Debt
- 94% Able to Pay

49% of those with debt owed over $5,000
35% have carried the debt for more than three years
55% have gone to collections
49% say their cancer debt has hurt their credit score

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