

SB5480/HB1632 - Shield Patients from Unfair Medical Debt Reporting

Protect Washington Patients from Being Trapped by Medical Debt

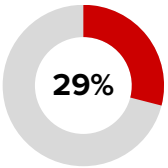
Why?



6 in 10 Washington adults say they could not pay an unexpected \$500 medical bill. Many are forced to delay paying the bill or put it on a credit card.



3 in 10 Washington residents say they live in a household with medical debt, even with health insurance.



29% of Washingtonians have a lower credit score because of medical debt.

In fact, almost 1 in 4 is contacted by a debt collector because of their medical debt.

Patient Experience

"All the savings that my husband and I had put away to pay for our four children's college educations and our retirement went to pay for the treatments keeping me alive.

It's all gone."

-- Jody

Unfortunately, Jody's story isn't unique.

Support SB 5480 (Riccelli) & HB 1632 (Timmons)

Prohibit the inclusion of medical debt on consumer credit reports and scores.

Removing medical debt from a credit score improves a score by 20 points, on average.

Medical debt has no bearing on whether a person makes sound financial decisions and should not be used in consumer financial credit reports.

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