

340B: Too Big to Fail? Medical Debt

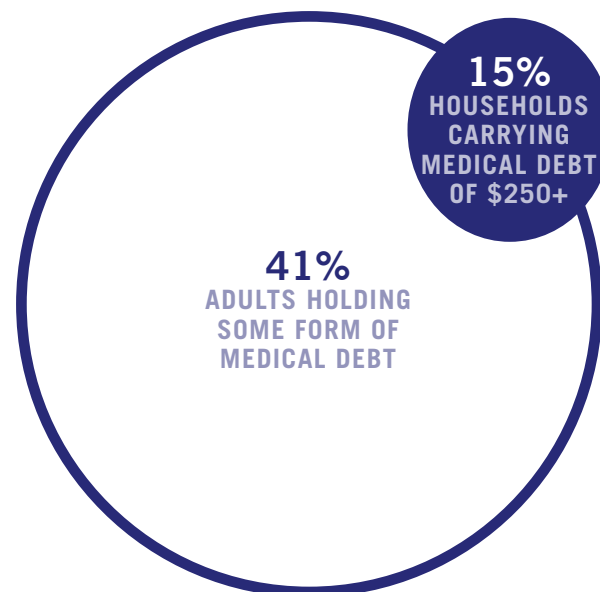
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The 340B Drug Pricing Program was designed to help poor patients access healthcare services. Yet, despite this program growing to **\$66 billion**, **primarily benefiting hospitals**, **medical debt continues to be a crippling financial burden** for many Americans, with most of the debt being **owed to these 340B-eligible hospitals**.

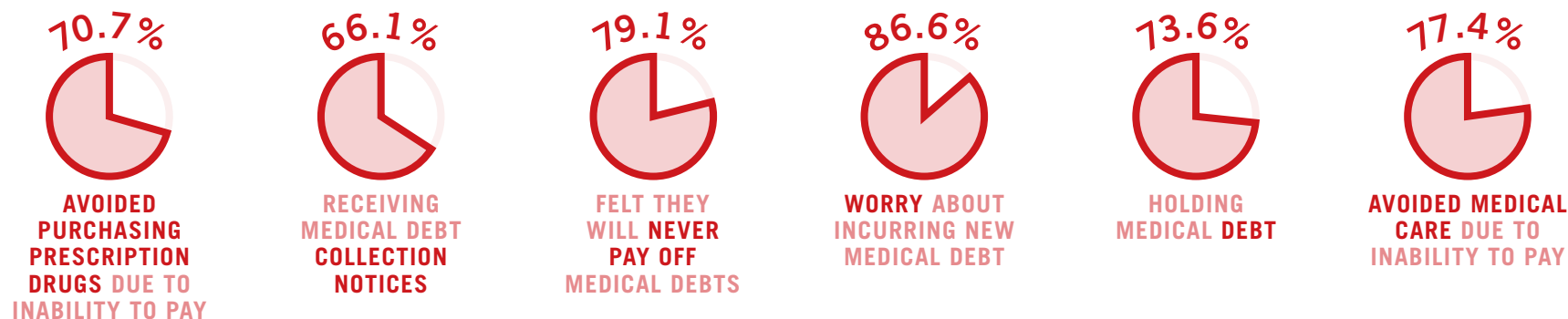
(Source: HRSA, 2024)

Did you know that medical debt is a persistent problem in the United States? More than **31 MILLION AMERICANS** (~12%) reported needing to **BORROW \$74 BILLION** in 2024 to pay for healthcare despite having some form of insurance. According to the Urban Institute, **74% OF THIS MEDICAL DEBT IS OWED TO HOSPITALS**.

(Source: Blavin et al., 2024 | Yu, 2025 | Rakshit, 2024)



According to a recent national survey by ADAP Advocacy:



64.5% NEVER HEARD OF HOSPITAL CHARITY CARE + **ONLY 12.5%** HAD BEEN ADVISED OF POTENTIAL ELIGIBILITY FOR CHARITY CARE