

340B: Too Big to Fail? Medical Debt



Sadly, many hospitals participating in the 340B Drug Pricing Program are **threatening patients with aggressive**, **predatory debt collection**...often damaging consumer credit reports. 340B hospitals are choosing not to set reasonable prices and offer robust financial assistance. **They sue their patients** rather than provide free charity care, as is required by law. The 340B Program was designed to help patients, not pad the pockets of these healthcare providers. This system is failing them!

According to a recent national survey by ADAP Advocacy:



Nearly **3 OUT OF EVERY 4** reported holding **MEDICAL DEBT**



Nearly 2 OUT OF EVERY 3 are receiving medical debt COLLECTION NOTICES



Nearly **3 OUT OF EVERY 4** feel they have made **NO PROGRESS** in paying off their medical debts



Nearly **4 OUT OF EVERY 5** feel they will **NEVER PAY OFF** their medical debt



Nearly **2 OUT OF EVERY 3 HAD NEVER HEARD** of hospitals offering charity care for patients who are unable to afford healthcare services



Just 1 OUT OF EVERY 8 have been informed by a hospital of their POTENTIAL ELIGIBILITY for charity care

An audit of 63 hospitals found that since being eligible to participate in the 340B Program:

ON AVERAGE THEIR CHARITY CARE DECLINED