

An Act

ENROLLED HOUSE
BILL NO. 4148

By: Schreiber, Lepak, Pae,
Hefner, Swope, Wolfley, and
Stark of the House

and

Daniels of the Senate

An Act relating to collection of medical debt; defining term; requiring inclusion of certain information with petition for civil action to collect medical debt; requiring submission of certain evidence to court prior to default judgment; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

SUBJECT: Collection of medical debt

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 193 of Title 12, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. For purposes of this section, "hospital price transparency laws" means:

1. Section 2718(e) of the Public Health Service Act, 42 U.S.C., Section 300gg-18, as amended, and rules adopted by the United States Department of Health and Human Services implementing Section 2718(e); and

2. The Transparency in Health Care Prices Act, Section 1-725.1 et seq. of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

B. A creditor or debt collector or collection agency operating on behalf of a creditor that files a civil action for recovery of a medical debt shall attach to the petition or applicable form:

1. A copy of redacted itemization of the charges that are the basis for the medical debt; and

2. Proof of compliance with hospital price transparency laws.

C. Prior to entry of a default judgment against a consumer in a civil action on a medical debt, in addition to compliance with the applicable rules of the district court for entry of a default judgment, the plaintiff shall file with the court evidence that establishes the amount and nature of the medical debt and includes:

1. The original account number at charge-off;

2. The original creditor at charge-off;

3. The amount due at charge-off or, if the balance has not been charged off, an itemization of the amount claimed to be owed including the principal, interest, fees, and other charges or reductions from payment made or other credits;

4. An itemization of post charge-off additions, if any;

5. The date of the last payment, if applicable, or the date of the last transaction; and

6. Proof of compliance with hospital price transparency laws.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2024.

Passed the House of Representatives the 13th day of May, 2024.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

Passed the Senate the 16th day of April, 2024.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

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