

How to Enhance and Improve the **Patient Financial Experience**

As margins fall and costs rise, healthcare providers face unprecedented revenue challenges. At the same time, patients are experiencing greater difficulty paying their medical bills. Providers need a way to address both, and shoring up the patient access process is a great place to begin.



The State of Medical Debt in the U.S.

Average hospital margins as of February -1.1% 2023, down from -0.6% in December 20221

Average portion of a provider's revenue 35% from patient self-pay

Patients are now the third largest payer,

3rd just behind Medicare and Medicaid² 58% of covered workers have deductibles

\$1,000+ of \$1,000 or more3

> More than half of adults in the U.S. carry 50% medical debt of at least \$1,0004



Impact of **Medical Debt** on Patients

40% of adults in the U.S. say they 40% have more fear about medical debt than getting a severe illness.⁵ 46% 46% of people with medical debt put off care due to costs.6 41% of insured individuals with medical debt didn't fill a prescribed medication due to cost.7 70% of those with medical debt 70% say they've cut back on buying food, clothing, or necessities.8



Putting off medical care because of costs has reached a 22-year high in the U.S.



Impact of Medical Debt on Providers



Poorer outcomes

for those on valuebased contract

Reduced reimbursements

Higher collection costs

Increased write-offs

Negative patient-provider

relationships

make it easier for patients to pay

Providers need to do all they can to help

Outsource patient access processes like

- eligibility verification and prior authorization Provide patient financial responsibility
- estimations prior to service Offer multiple payment options, including online,
- over the phone, text, or secure messaging Provide HIPAA-compliant, multilingual
- communication options · Leverage a knowledgeable, friendly customer
- service call center
- Partner with industry experts to manage

Offer online scheduling



The world of healthcare is filled with challenges, changes, and uncertainties for providers and patients alike. Revenue Enterprises takes a compassionate approach to the patient billing experience—an approach that gets results without compromising the patient experience. Providers benefit through better collections and fewer write-offs. Patients

benefit by being better able to afford the care they need when they need it.

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