Six out of ten Maine families experienced at least one of the impacts below as a result of medical bills. Many struggled to pay for necessities, used savings, incurred credit card debt, or were contacted by a collection agency, most often due to a bill from a hospital.

Financial Impacts of Medical Expenses Experienced as a Result (% who have experienced impacts) of Hospital Bill (% among those who experienced impact) 72% Struggled to pay for basic necessities like food, heat, or housing 33% 62% of Maine 32% 71% Used all or most savings families have experienced at Incurred new or additional credit card debt 61% 31% least one of these Been contacted by a collection agency 31% 83% impacts. Withdrew retirement or non-retirement investments 18% 57% On average, Maine Been placed on a long-term payment plan with provider 76% families have experienced Took on some other form of debt 14% 54% almost three of Received a loan or gift from family or friends 10% 56% these impacts. Had a bill forgiven by a hospital or medical provider 78% Took home equity loan, additional mortgage, refinanced home 5% 49% Been taken to court 37% (n=500)



