

**Resource Page – Medical Affordability
Heal the Debt**
healthdebt@gmail.com or 917-740-6052

For general help with health care issues:

Community Health Advocates (Community Service Society) – NY hotline. Helps with obtaining insurance, navigating insurance, assisting with care denials and medical bills. **888-614-5400** or <https://communityhealthadvocates.org>

New York Attorney General’s Health Law Unit – NY hotline and online complaint form for coverage denials and improper billing. Will actually help file appeal if appropriate. **1-800-428-9071** or [online complaint form for a health care issue](#)

New York Legal Assistance Group – Help with public benefits as well as many legal issues. <https://nylag.org/gethelp/> or 212-613-5000. They prefer you use the on-line appointment system.

Medicare Rights Center - for over 65 on Medicare. Assistance with navigating Medicare and Medicare supplemental plans, care denials and medical bills.

800-333-4114 and vast resources available on-line: <https://www.medicareinteractive.org/>

US PIRG – for general information and assistance with affordability of medical care, including some guidance on medical bills: <https://pirg.org/edfund/resources>

If you cannot pay a hospital bill:

Dollar For –You may qualify for financial assistance to reduce or eliminate the bill. Dollar For helps with figuring out if you are eligible and will assist with the application. <https://dollarfor.org/help/brooklyn>

For cancer patients or other serious or chronic health conditions:

Cancer Financial Assistance Coalition www.cancerfac.org

Cancer Care Oncology Social Worker—800-813-4673

<https://www.patientadvocate.org/connect-with-services/case-management-services-and-carelines/>

Online navigator platforms:

FindHelp—lots of other programs targeted to groups like artists, veterans, HIV , holocaust survivors as well as all phone numbers for Medicaid/Medicare help, prescription assistance <https://findhelp.org>

Needy Meds—also links to many resources www.needymeds.org

General Financial Counseling:

NYC Financial empowerment centers provide help, on zoom or in person.
www.nyc.gov/site/dca/consumers/get-free-financial-counseling.page

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