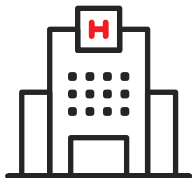




The Idaho Patient Act

A checklist for health care providers (HCPs) who want to use extraordinary collection actions (such as a lawsuit or negative credit report) to collect medical debt and shift the legal costs of extraordinary collection actions to patients.

HCPs may always collect the principal owed directly from patients.



Patient Visits a Health Care Facility

Clinic, hospital, etc.



Within 45 Days of Service*

HCPs submit all charges to patient's insurance.



Within 60 Days of Service*

the health care facility provides a "Consolidated Summary of Services" with names and contact info of all HCP entities billing the patient separately.



Final Statement

provided by HCPs accurately identifying the amount the patient owes after insurance or other payments.



Wait 60 Days

from the final statement before transferring to collection company or charging interest.



Wait 90 Days

from the final statement before taking an extraordinary collection action.



Legal Costs from Extraordinary Collection Actions

Fees and costs can be shifted to the delinquent patient up to:



Uncontested
\$350



Contested
\$750[†]

[†]in some cases the court may award additional fees

*GRACE PERIOD

HCPs may take an extra 45 days to submit charges and an extra 90 days to send a consolidated summary; in those cases, HCPs may not shift the legal costs to the patient.