



Total debt abolished (Deuda abolida): \$1,234.56 Number of accounts (Número de cuentas): 1 Creditors (Acreedores): General Hospital Account numbers (Números de cuenta): GH-02030405 Dates of service (Fechas de servicio): 01/01/2023 Gift ID (ID del regalo): A1B2-C3D4E5

Dear Jonathan Doe,

We are sending this letter to share the good news that you no longer owe the above referenced medical debt(s). You can learn more at www.UndueMedicalDebt.org.

The medical debt, listed above, has been canceled by Undue Medical Debt using funds provided by <u>federal award number 21.027</u> <u>awarded to the State of Connecticut by the U.S. Department of the Treasury</u>. You no longer have any obligation to pay these specific accounts. There are no tax consequences from this debt cancellation, which was carried out under this partnership program with the <u>State of Connecticut</u>.

On the reverse side of this letter, you will find Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) to give you a more complete understanding of who Undue Medical Debt is and why this service has been provided, but here are the most immediate things that you should understand about this initiative:

- The relief provided is for bill(s) referenced in this letter only. Undue Medical Debt does not currently possess any
  other medical debt you might owe.
- Your privacy is protected. Medical records remain with the physician or hospital. Your name is not revealed without your permission.
- It may be possible the debt referenced above is not owed, is disputed, or may have been filed in error by the original medical provider. Rest assured you no longer owe this debt, and you can show this letter as proof if needed.

<u>Sharing your story can make a difference:</u> Your voice is powerful and programs like this rely on inspiration. Your story can help bring more attention to this growing crisis and inspire others to support medical debt relief. If you wish to remain anonymous, identifying information can be kept confidential. Instructions for sharing your story are provided below. **Those who respond within** 14 days of receiving this letter will be randomly entered to win an Amazon gift card valued up to \$100.

You can respond in one of the following ways:

1. Type the following into your computer or phone web browser:

2. Send a letter to Undue Medical Debt,
and let us know if we can share your message and, if so, how to acknowledge you.
3. Scan the QR Code with your smartphone camera.

¿Habla español?

Visite nuestro sitio web lette o escanee el código QR con la camara de su teléfono inteligente para ver una versión de esta carta en español.

Scan to reply

We hope you will help us help others by telling your story. We look forward to hearing from you!

Regards,

Allison Sesso

Undue Medical Debt President, CEO

Ned Lamont

Governor, State of Connecticut

# **FAQ**

#### Who is Undue Medical Debt?

We are a not-for-profit, national charity that raises funds from donors and uses those funds to acquire and abolish medical debt. Our IRS EIN number is 47-1442997. Since our founding in 2014 (as Medical Debt Resolution, Inc.), we have abolished over \$14 billion of medical debt and helped more than 9 million people.

#### What is the goal of Undue Medical Debt?

Undue Medical Debt seeks to help families and individuals burdened by medical debt by acquiring and abolishing these debts. By cancelling these debts, we bring financial relief to families and reduce related stress. This then improves the health of patients, families, and communities.

#### Are there strings attached?

No! Rest assured, the debt referenced in the letter is no longer owed and you do not have to take any action. We acquired the debt through the generous support of our donors, and it has been permanently abolished. It is a charitable act enabled by donors who support Undue Medical Debt's mission.

Please note that Undue Medical Debt may not be able to acquire medical debt in your area again. Our ability to abolish medical debts depends on many factors, including the availability of donor funding.

Those that respond to share their story within 14 days of receiving their letter will be entered into a random lottery to win one of twelve Amazon gift cards valued up to \$100. Winners are selected every three months and will be notified by email.

#### Why are you doing this?

Medical debt often results from unplanned and unexpected illnesses and accidents. About one third of adults in the United States have difficulty in paying their health care bills. In many areas and for many reasons, people remain uninsured and those who are insured receive expensive bills after receiving care. Medical debt is the leading cause of bankruptcy in the United States. We do this work to relieve the burden of medical debt, to prevent people from skipping or delaying medical care because of cost-related fears, and to support people living healthier lives.

# Do I have to pay taxes on this?

No! This medical debt was abolished as a charitable act by a detached and disinterested third party. This eliminates any potential tax consequences.

### Why was my credit report pulled?

Undue Medical Debt completed a "soft inquiry" into your credit history to determine your eligibility for medical debt relief. Soft inquiries are listed on your credit report but do not impact your credit score.

### Did Undue abolish all of my debt?

Undue Medical Debt strives to abolish as much debt as possible, but we often can only acquire select debts for people given the complexities of the health care finance system. An individual may have multiple bills for one episode of care, and we may have abolished some while others are still outstanding.

# People, helping people

We depend on donations from individuals, corporations, charitable organizations and government to support us in our mission and purpose.

To learn more about Undue Medical Debt, please visit us at https://www.UndueMedicalDebt.org/. If you believe the listed debt has already been paid or wasn't owed by you to begin with, please contact UndueMedicalDebt.org/respond.

