

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

January 24, 2024

Introduced by Sen. RIVERA -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Consumer Protection

AN ACT to amend the general business law, in relation to the definition of medical debt

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Subdivision (v) of section 380-a of the general business
2 law, as added by chapter 727 of the laws of 2023, is amended to read as
3 follows:

4 (v) The term "medical debt" means any obligation or alleged obligation
5 of a consumer to pay any amount whatsoever related to the receipt of
6 health care services, products, or devices provided by a hospital
7 licensed under article twenty-eight of the public health law, a health
8 care professional authorized under title eight of the education law, or
9 an ambulance service certified under article thirty of the public health
10 law. Medical debt does not include debt charged to a credit card unless
11 the credit card is issued under an open-ended or closed-end plan offered
12 specifically for the payment of health care services, products, or
13 devices provided to a person.

14 § 2. This act shall take effect on the same date and in the same
15 manner as chapter 727 of the laws of 2023 amending the public health law
16 and the general business law relating to prohibiting medical debt from
17 being collected by a consumer reporting agency or included in a consumer
18 report, takes effect.

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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