



Patient Advocates Program

JAN 18 Webinar Teach-in



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Many Hospitals are Putting Liens on Patients' Homes to Collect Debt: Learn What Can Be Done to Protect Them

Date: Tuesday, Jan 18, 2022 **Time:** 10:00 AM—11:00 AM

Speakers: Carrie Tracy, JD; Senior Director, Health Initiatives, Community Service Society of New York

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Session Overview

This Teach In will discuss findings from an important new report by the Community Services Society of New York (CSS-NY): Discharged Into Debt: Nonprofit Hospitals File Liens On Patients' Homes. Their research found that 56 non-profit hospitals across the state are aggressively placing liens on patients' homes to collect outstanding balances even while they are receiving millions of dollars from the State to pay for uncompensated care. The resultant erosion of housing for such patients can directly result in both poorer health outcomes and loss of economic security.

In this session you will learn about:

- Which hospitals have been aggressively placing liens on patients for debt.
- The impact that liens have in de-stabilizing families & threatening their economic security.
- The State Indigent Care Pool that subsidizes hospitals for uncompensated care.
- What can be done to stop these poor practices, including discussion of proposed state legislation to protect patients' homes from aggressive medical debt collectors (S6522/A7363).

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