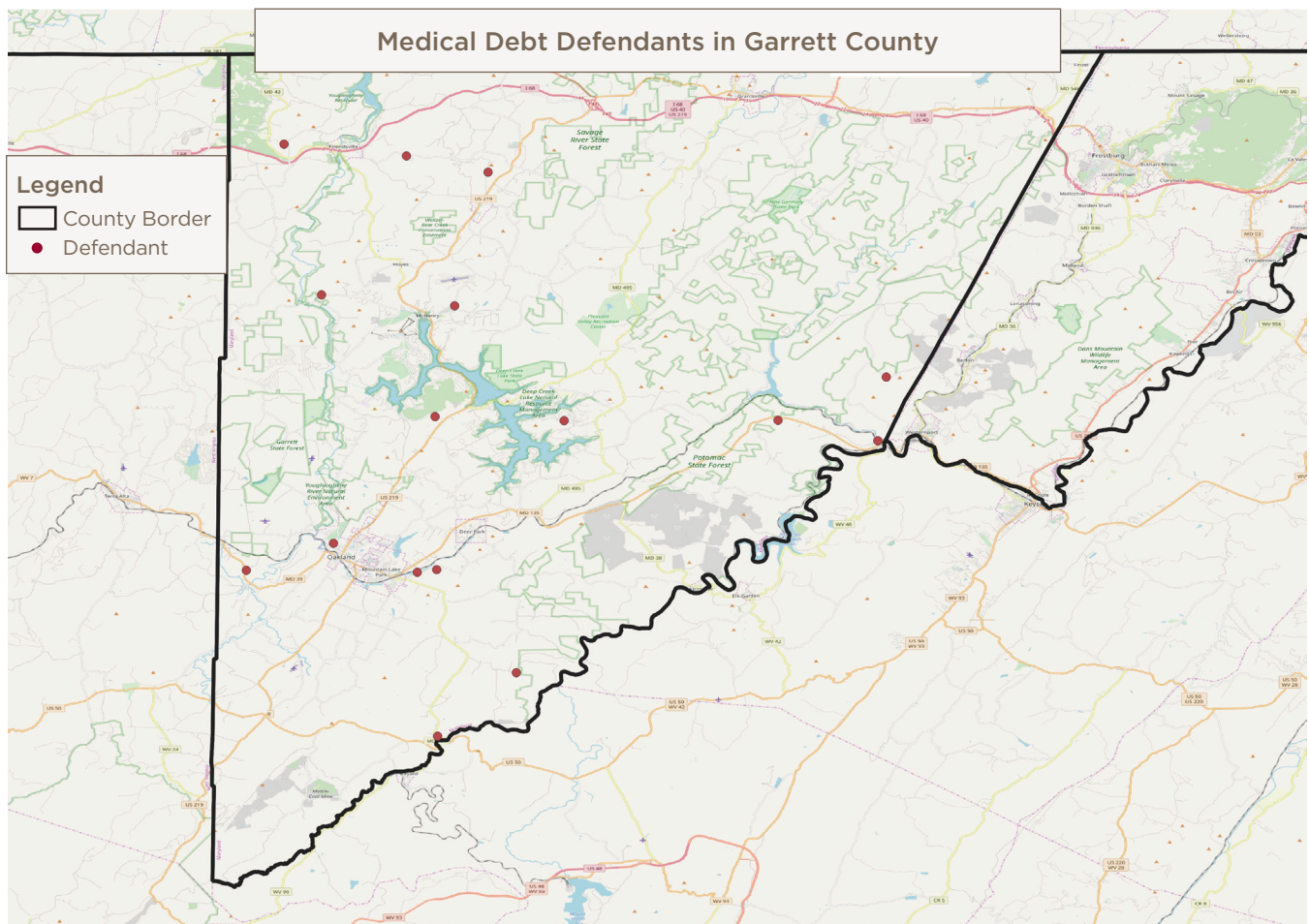


# GARRETT COUNTY MEDICAL DEBT LAWSUITS 2009 – 2018

## Medical Debt Lawsuits Filed Against County Residents<sup>1</sup>

Total medical debt lawsuits	17
Total amount of medical debt sought through lawsuits	\$49,698
Median amount of medical debt per lawsuit (meaning half the lawsuits were for less and half were for more)	\$2,826
Total cases involving wage and property garnishments	2
Total amount sought through garnishments	\$11,257

## Where Medical Debt Lawsuit Defendants Live



## Hospitals Filing Medical Debt Lawsuits Against County Residents

Hospital Name	System	Total Lawsuits	Amount	Median Amount	Garnishment Total	Garnishment Amount
Meritus Medical Center		3	\$7,675	\$3,216		
University of Maryland Medical Center	University of Maryland Medical System	3	\$15,353	\$3,202		
MedStar Good Samaritan Hospital	MedStar Health	2	\$13,958	\$6,979	1	\$10,961
Saint Agnes Healthcare	Ascension Healthcare	2	\$3,242	\$1,621		
Garrett Regional Medical Center		1	\$3,494	\$3,494		
Johns Hopkins Hospital	Johns Hopkins Health System	1	\$3,219	\$3,219		
MedStar Union Memorial Hospital	MedStar Health	1	\$639	\$639		
Northwest Hospital	LifeBridge Health	1	\$1,151	\$1,151		
Peninsula Regional Medical Center		1	\$296		1	\$296
Sinai Hospital of Baltimore	LifeBridge Health	1	\$672	\$672		
University of Maryland Shore Medical Center	University of Maryland Medical System	1	\$	-		
<b>Total</b>		<b>17</b>	<b>\$49,698</b>	<b>\$2,826</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>\$11,257</b>

## County Information<sup>2</sup>

Total Population	Individuals Living in Poverty	Children Living in Poverty	Median Household Income	Individuals Without Health Insurance	Unemployed	White	African American	Hispanic or Latino	Asian
28,828	3,299	929	\$48,174	2,185	701	28,035	42	262	111

## Share of County Residents with Medical Debt in Collections<sup>3</sup>

- Overall: 24%
- White communities: 24%
- Communities of color: NA

### Executive Compensation for Top Hospitals Suing County Residents: Last Five Years<sup>5</sup>

Hospital Name	System	Total Executive Compensation	Number of Annual Payments to Executives	Number of Individual Executives	Number of Annual Payments More Than \$1 Million	Total Number of Payments That Put Executives in Maryland's Top 1%
University of Maryland Medical Center	University of Maryland Medical System	\$80,154,293	79	26	21	76
MedStar Good Samaritan Hospital	MedStar Health	\$70,259,076	86	27	11	50
Meritus Medical Center		\$37,873,802	96	40	3	28

### Net Income for Top Hospitals Filing Medical Debt Lawsuits in County: 2009 - 2018<sup>6</sup>

Hospital Name	System	Total Operating Revenues	Net Income
University of Maryland Medical Center	University of Maryland Medical System	\$12,606,743,000	\$692,657,000
Meritus Medical Center		\$2,925,273,483	\$112,378,018
MedStar Good Samaritan Hospital	MedStar Health	\$3,001,378,973	\$73,484,902

### Profiting from Charity Rate Support<sup>4</sup>: Charity Rate Support Levels for the Top Hospitals Suing County Residents for Medical Debt, 2014 - 2018

Hospital name	System	Charity Care Provided — Last Five Years	Charity Care Rate Support Total — Last Five Years	Charity Care Rate Support Surplus*: Last Five Years	Rank: Largest Surplus* of Charity Rate Support
University of Maryland Medical Center	University of Maryland Medical System	\$179,526,226	\$205,952,948	\$26,426,722	2
Meritus Medical Center		\$26,239,837	\$27,128,163	\$888,326	27
MedStar Good Samaritan Hospital	MedStar Health	\$23,075,190	\$21,788,579	-\$1,286,611	38

\*Amount received in excess of charity provided.

## Charity Care Denial Rates for the Top Hospitals Suing County Residents for Medical Debt: 2017 - 2018<sup>7</sup>

Hospital name	System	Licensed Beds	Application for Financial Assistance Received	Application for Financial Assistance Approved	Application for Financial Assistance Denied	Percent Denied
University of Maryland Medical Center	University of Maryland Medical System	751	1,707	1,237	470	27.50%
Meritus Medical Center		257	4,564	3,473	1,091	23.90%
MedStar Good Samaritan Hospital	MedStar Health	206	18,846	18,675	171	0.90%

## Endnotes

- 1 All data based on the following source except where noted: Analysis of the case records of the Maryland Judiciary, available here: Maryland Judiciary Case Search Disclaimer: <http://casesearch.courts.state.md.us/casesearch/inquiry-index.jsp>
- 2 U.S. Census Bureau, 2013-2017 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates.
- 3 Debt in America: An Interactive Map. The Urban Institute. [https://apps.urban.org/features/debt-interactive-map/?type=auto&variable=autoopen\\_pct](https://apps.urban.org/features/debt-interactive-map/?type=auto&variable=autoopen_pct). Accessed 12/13/2019.
- 4 Source: Maryland Health Services Cost Review Commission, Community Benefits Program, Maryland Hospital Community Benefit Financial Report: FY 2014 - 2018.
- 5 Source: Executive compensation was found on IRS Form 990 for appropriate years. Note: Multi-hospital systems often report the same executives on multiple 990 forms for individual hospitals.
- 6 Financial Information from audited financial reports, appropriate years.
- 7 Source: Maryland Health Services Cost Review Commission, Annual Report of Revenue, Expenses, and Volumes, Supplemental Schedule VIII Debt Collection/Financial Assistance Report, <https://hsrc.state.md.us/Pages/ar-rev.aspx>