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**Tax-Exempt Hospitals Prey on Patients**

Too many tax-exempt hospitals are not charitable. For example, over a six-year period, the University of Virginia Health System and its doctors sued former patients more than 36,000 times. Although it offers limited financial assistance, it charges uninsured patients at rates higher than insurers pay. For example, one patient was charged $2,000 for a $20 feeding tube.

To get its bills paid, the hospital system has garnished wages, seized bank accounts, and put liens on homes. Ironically, this hospital system, which is state-owned, pays no federal, state or local taxes — on the presumption that it offers charity care and other community benefits.


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