Subject: High Medical Costs
Posted by Kenwoody on Tue, 14 May 2013 23:35:22 GMT
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We just got an astronomical bill from our local hospital today for a recent ER visit. We don't have insurance so we're pretty much at their mercy. To be completely honest, if we'd have had insurance, I probably wouldn't have given the bill a second glance, but when WE have to pay it, I'm just slack-jaw over how much they're charging for everything!

Subject: Re: High Medical Costs
Posted by Wayne Parham on Wed, 15 May 2013 00:41:09 GMT
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Go and negotiate with them. Since you're paying cash, they don't have any red tape and may be willing to give you a deal.

Subject: Re: High Medical Costs
Posted by timron on Thu, 16 May 2013 00:47:26 GMT
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Some hospitals also have financial assistance programs that you may qualify for, too. If you inspect your bill closely, there might be a phone number for their financial help department.

Subject: Re: High Medical Costs
Posted by Kenwoody on Thu, 16 May 2013 04:36:15 GMT
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Thanks for the input. We're definitely going to look into some financial assistance or cutting some type of deal with them. I just can't believe an ambulance ride cost us a grand and a couple of hours in the ER cost us ANOTHER grand!

Subject: Re: High Medical Costs
Posted by Kingfish on Thu, 16 May 2013 19:57:51 GMT
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It adds up fast. Financial assistence is definitely in order here. All you can do is pay them what you can and they're going to have to accept that.