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The Parties have agreed to settle *Christopher Daugherty, et al vs. Sarasota County Public Hospital District d/b/a Sarasota Memorial Health Care System*, Case No. 2019-CA-003178 NC, Circuit Court for the Twelfth Judicial Circuit in and for Sarasota County, Florida.

**Why am I getting this Notice?** You have been identified as a potential Settlement Class Member in a class action against Sarasota County Public Hospital District d/b/a Sarasota Memorial Health Care System (“SMHCS”) because you were identified as a (1) consumer patient residing in the State of Florida, who (2) was contacted at least once by Defendant Sarasota County Public Hospital District d/b/a Sarasota Memorial Healthcare System (“SMHCS”) regarding past-due emergency medical debt owed to SMHCS, which (3) may have exceeded the amount under the PIP coverage limitations under Florida law; (4) during the time period from June 7, 2017 to the May 6, 2026, the date of the Preliminary Approval Order.

**What is this lawsuit about?** The lawsuit concerns whether SMHCS’s billing practices and collection letters used to collect the balance for medical services provided to patients involved in automobile-related injuries violated Section 559.72(9) of the Florida Consumer Collection Practices Act (“FCCPA”). SMHCS denies that their collection attempts violated the FCCPA and continues to maintain that they did not act wrongfully or unlawfully.

**Settlement terms.** Settlement Class Members who submit a valid claim are eligible to receive a *pro rata* payment from a non-reversionary settlement fund of \$200,000.00 (the “Settlement Class Fund”). SMHCS also agreed to pay the cost of class administration, Plaintiff’s statutory damages, and reasonable attorneys’ fees and costs, with all such amounts to be approved by the Court. Payment of Plaintiff’s individual compensation and attorneys’ fees will not diminish any of the Settlement Class. A detailed description of the Class Settlement Agreement can be viewed at [www.FLDaughertyClassSettlement.com](http://www.FLDaughertyClassSettlement.com).

**How do I receive payment?** To receive a payment from the Settlement Class Fund, you must complete and mail the attached Claim Form or submit a Claim Form online at [www.FLDaughertyClassSettlement.com](http://www.FLDaughertyClassSettlement.com). Paper Claim Forms must be postmarked by **July 10, 2026**, or electronic Claim Forms must be submitted on the Settlement Website by 11:59 p.m. EST on **July 10, 2026**.

**Do I have any other options?** If you do not want to be legally bound by the Settlement, you must exclude yourself by **June 25, 2026**. Unless you exclude yourself, you will not be able to sue or continue to sue SMHCS for any claim made in this lawsuit or released by the Settlement Agreement. If you stay in the Settlement (i.e., don’t exclude yourself), you may object to it or ask for permission for you or your own lawyer to appear and speak at the Final Approval Hearing—at your own cost—but you don’t have to. Objections must be postmarked no later than **June 25, 2026** and requests to appear are due by **July 22, 2026**. The Long Form Notice, available at the Settlement Website, explains how to exclude yourself or object. The Court will hold a hearing on **July 29, 2026, at 10:30 a.m.**, to consider whether to finally approve the Settlement, Class Counsel’s request for attorneys’ fees, and class representative compensation. More details and the full terms of the proposed Settlement are available at [www.FLDaughertyClassSettlement.com](http://www.FLDaughertyClassSettlement.com).

**How do I get more information?** Go to [www.FLDaughertyClassSettlement.com](http://www.FLDaughertyClassSettlement.com) or call toll-free 1 800-314-5731.

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