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Employee findings from the 2015 Aflac WorkForces Report showed:

**68%** agree<sup>1</sup> they regularly underestimate the total cost of injuries or illnesses, including medical, household and out-of-pocket costs.



**52%** have less than \$1,000 to pay out-of-pocket expenses associated with unexpected serious illnesses or accidents, and 28% have less than \$500 available.

**44**% would have to use a credit card and/or borrow from their 401(k) or other retirement account to pay out-of-pocket costs associated with an unexpected serious illnesses or accidents.

**20**% have had difficulty paying a medical bill due to high medical costs.

**9**% have missed bill payments<sup>2</sup> due to high medical costs.

17% have been contacted by a collection agency due to outstanding medical bills and/or had their credit score negatively impacted due to high medical costs.

## Source

2015 Aflac WorkForces Report, conducted in Jan. 2015 by Research Now on behalf of Aflac.

 $<sup>^{\</sup>mbox{\scriptsize 1}}$  Includes those who completely, strongly and somewhat agree.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Includes car, credit card and/or rent/mortgage payments.