STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 4148 By: Schreiber and Lepak

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to civil procedure; prescribing procedures related to civil actions for collection of medical debts; prescribing requirements for petition; requiring proof of compliance with Transparency in Health Care Prices Act; prescribing procedures with respect to entry of default judgments based upon medical debt; requiring proof of compliance with Transparency in Health Care Prices Act; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

- SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 193 of Title 12, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:
- A creditor or debt collector or collection agency operating on behalf of a creditor that files a civil action for recovery of a medical debt shall attach to the petition or applicable form a copy of redacted itemization of the charges that are the basis for the medical debt and shall also attach proof of compliance with the

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- B. Prior to entry of a default judgment against a consumer in a legal action on a medical debt, in addition to compliance with the applicable rules of the district court for entry of a default judgment, the plaintiff shall file with the court evidence that establishes the amount and nature of the medical debt and includes:
 - 1. The original account number at charge-off;
 - 2. The original creditor at charge-off;
- 3. The amount due at charge-off or if the balance has not been charged off, an itemization of the amount claimed to be owed, including the principal, interest, fees, and other charges or reductions from payment made or other credits;
 - 4. An itemization of post charge-off additions if any;
- 5. The date of the last payment, if applicable, or the date of the last transaction; and
- 6. Proof of compliance with the Transparency in Health Care Prices Act, Section 1-725.2 et seq. of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes.
 - SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2024.

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