



# Medical loans:

## *The good, bad, and the alternatives*

A medical loan is a specific type of personal loan that can only be used to cover healthcare expenses. For people facing significant out-of-pocket medical expenses, this type of loan can seem ideal. However, there are a few things you should know.



### THE GOOD

- No collateral is required to secure the loan.
- Can be easy to qualify for if you have good credit.
- Enables you to undergo elective procedures quickly.

### THE BAD

- Hard to get if you have poor credit.
- High interest rates can mean a very high monthly payment.
- May involve expensive initiation fees upfront.

### THE ALTERNATIVES

- Talk to your doctor's office or hospital about a payment plan.
- Find help through a medical charity or hospital program.
- Talk to your doctor about cost-effective treatment options.