

### Minnesota Bankruptcy Buzz

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## Bankruptcy news Minnesota Lawyers can use FACTS AND FIGURES

Minnesotans filed 698 Chapter 7 and Chapter 13 Bankruptcies in January, 2018. In January, 2017, Minnesotans had filed 693 Chapter 7 and Chapter 13 Bankruptcies. That is an increase of .007%.

Bankruptcy filing predictions for Minnesota have the number of filings increasing roughly 5% from 2017. The reason for the increase is largely due to consumer credit nearly at pre-recession levels.



## HOW MINNESOTA BANKRUPTCY HELPS SENIOR CITIZENS GET DEBT RELIEF

Many seniors—perhaps after a lifetime of responsible spending and financial planning—find themselves in debt later in life. Typically, an upsurge in medical bills and related expenses causes seniors to fall behind on payments; because most seniors are on a fixed income, they sometimes lack the additional resources needed to pay for ongoing treatment or hospitalizations. With constant harassment from creditors and worries about liens and other aggressive collections actions, instead of enjoying your retirement you may end up even more stressed about money than ever before.

Fortunately, if you are a senior struggling to pay your medical bills, you can quickly and easily eliminate your medical-related expenses with Chapter 7 or Chapter 13 Bankruptcy in Minnesota.

For more information on how
Minnesota Bankruptcy can help you
erase your medical debt and to find
out how filing for bankruptcy will
affect your retirement accounts and
Social Security benefits, read on!

### MN BANKRUPTCY AND MEDICAL DEBT

Some good news for seniors: your medical-related debt is eligible for discharge under bankruptcy.

Because medical debt is unsecured debt, it can be discharged whether you file a Chapter 7 or Chapter 13 bankruptcy case.

In a Chapter 7 bankruptcy, you can eliminate your medical bills, credit card debt, and other outstanding balances in as little as 90 – 120 days from the date your bankruptcy case is filed with the court. If you file Chapter 13, you will be able to repay a portion of your debt stretched out over a 3 – 5 year period; at the end of the repayment period, your remaining unsecured debt is discharged.

It should be noted that if possible, it is best to complete any current medical treatments before filing for bankruptcy, so that the most possible debt can be discharged at once.

#### UP NEXT... MN BANKRUPTCY AND RETIREMENT ACCOUNTS

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