

# THE CARE COST ESTIMATOR



## ESTIMATE YOUR COSTS BEFORE YOU GET CARE

Help control your health care expenses by estimating the costs for the care you need at different providers. The online Care Cost Estimator lets you understand your options and shop for the best quality and value, just like comparison shopping for other important purchases.

## WHY SPEND MORE THAN YOU HAVE TO?

Health care costs can vary on things like common surgeries, x-rays and MRIs. For example, a simple x-ray can cost twice as much at a hospital than at a local imaging center. The more your health care services cost, the more you could end up paying out of your own pocket. The Care Cost Estimator makes it easy to compare cost estimates for procedures performed by different doctors and hospitals to find the best value.

## HOW THE CARE COST ESTIMATOR WORKS

Dropdown lists make it simple to choose the type of visit, area of the body and type of care you need. Then just click on the Show Estimate button.

What type of visit?

Inpatient

What area of the body?

Hips, Legs, Knees, Feet

What procedure?

Knee replacement

SHOW ESTIMATE

## SHOP FOR QUALITY AND VALUE ON:

**Diagnostic procedures**, such as MRIs and CAT scans

**Inpatient procedures**, from gastric bypass and cardiac surgeries to hip and knee replacements

**Outpatient procedures**, such as laparoscopies, biopsies and endoscopies



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<p><b>Knee replacement</b></p> <p><b>Community Hospital</b> Distance: 1 mile</p> <p> <b>Joe Orange, MD</b></p> <p><i>YOUR COST ESTIMATE</i> <b>\$4,268 - \$4,560</b></p>	<p><b>Knee replacement</b></p> <p><b>City Hospital</b> Distance: 2 miles</p> <p> <b>John Blue, MD</b></p> <p><i>YOUR COST ESTIMATE</i> <b>\$4,842 - \$5,194</b></p>	<p><b>Knee replacement</b></p> <p><b>St Mary Hospital</b> Distance: 3 miles</p> <p> <b>Mary Red, MD</b></p> <p><i>YOUR COST ESTIMATE</i> <b>\$4,469 - \$4,781</b></p>
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You'll get a list of results that fit your search criteria. Compare your options to see estimates of what you'd pay for the procedure or service at different providers or facilities. Your range of costs represents the average high and low costs for that service in your area. The estimate includes related services likely to be associated with your procedure, such as anesthesia, recovery room, doctors' fees, medications and supplies.

**GET AN EXPLANATION OF YOUR COSTS**

Click on any of the results for a detailed explanation of how your cost estimate was calculated. Starting with the total procedure cost, the Care Cost Estimator figures in the amounts you're currently responsible for, such as remaining deductible, copays and coinsurance, and benefit maximums your plan may set for particular procedures.



**TRY THE CARE COST ESTIMATOR NOW!**

Log in to your member website, and then click on this button. It's that simple!

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