

Anthem Medical Cost Estimator

Estimating Medical Procedure Costs Information provided as of 5/9/2013 and subject to change

One of the few things we have gotten used to purchasing without knowing the cost is health care. When a doctor or health professional tells us we need something, we often just go with their advice and go to the facility they mention. Yet, being a wise consumer of health care can save you money now and in the future. Nothing is free! Health care premiums must cover the cost of the health care provided. By being an informed consumer of health care services, you can reduce your costs for deductibles and cost share and save money in the future through lower premium costs. Even when the premium is covered by your employer, that is money that is not available to provide raises.

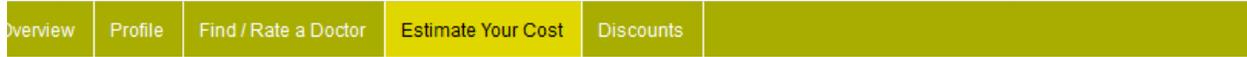
Most individuals don't realize that costs for the same test, imaging, or procedure can vary widely based on the provider. Anthem offers a cost estimate tool whereby you can search for a variety of procedures or services, locate providers that offer that procedure or service, and see how the cost varies from provider to provider.

To access the tool, sign in to your account on the Anthem site at <http://anthem.com> and then select the "Estimate Your Cost" tab.



This opens a screen with a number of drop down boxes where you can select the procedure or service you want a cost estimate for. In the example below the search was for an MRI.

Step 1: Select the type of service or procedure:



Estimate Your Cost (Procedure or Treatment)



1 What type of procedure are you looking for?

Select A Category...

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- Behavioral Health
- Cancer - Medical
- Cancer - Surgical
- Gastrointestinal
- Gynecology
- Head & Neck
- Heart - Medical
- Heart - Surgical
- Lungs
- Medical - Other
- Mothers & Babies
- Office Visits
- Orthopedic
- Pediatric Conditions
- Pediatric Surgery
- Radiology - CT Scan
- Radiology - MRI**
- Radiology - Other
- Surgical - Other

Step 2: Select the more precise procedure:



Estimate Your Cost (Procedure or Treatment)



1 What type of procedure are you looking for?

Radiology - MRI

What is it?

Medical specialty that deals with the study and use of imaging technology to diagnose and treat injuries or diseases using MRIs.

Select A Procedure...

Select A Procedure...

Diagnostic Tests Cost Comparisons

- MRI Upper Limb (Other Than Joint)
- MRI Spine
- MRI Brain
- MRI Of Lower Limb
- MRI Of Lower Limb/Joint**
- MRI Lumbar Spine
- MRI Neck Spine
- MRI Of Head (Orbit/Face/Neck)

Then you may or may not have to select a sub-procedure.

After that, you will verify who the procedure is for and set the search parameters to search by distance and zip code or city/state and click the “Search” button.

You will be asked to agree to the terms and conditions and then the search will be conducted.

You will be provided with a cost ordered listing of providers. This is an estimate only, but provides a good idea. You will be able to see how widely the cost varies based on provider, and based upon your current plan and how much of your deductible you have met, you will be provided with an estimate of your cost.

Your Search Results: 1 - 2 of 2 Radiology - MRI within 10 miles of 63110
[What is included in these estimated costs?](#)

Sort By: You May Pay [Distance](#) [A to Z](#) [Z to A](#)

[View Map](#)

METRO IMAGING LLC

3.04 Miles away [See map](#) 6520 CLAYTON RD SAINT LOUIS MO 63117
 Compare 314-333-5777

You may pay	\$0.00
Medical plan may pay	\$432.00
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Today's estimated cost is:	\$432.00

Estimates can range from:
as low as: **\$389.00**
as high as: **\$475.00**

Did you know this facility:

- ✓ Is in your Network
- ✓ Performs this procedure an unknown number of times a year

BIG BEND IMAGING LLC

8.76 Miles away [See map](#) 1001 S KIRKWOOD RD, STE 110
 Compare KIRKWOOD MO 63122
314-821-9173

This is a great tool to help you be more in control of your own health care costs and services.