



The Average Cost of Care

In order for you to have a better understanding of the costs associated with your health care, we've provided the following cost of care overview. The overview provides some examples of services that are most frequently provided to members and their associated costs. Each dollar amount reflected in this document represents the average cost for services at participating ConnectiCare providers. Actual costs for services will vary by provider and location of service.



As health care costs continue to increase, it's more important than ever that everyone begin to understand what it truly costs so they can become more involved in managing their care.

Cost of Care

Based on 2009 ConnectiCare Allowed Amount

SERVICES	AVERAGE COST ¹
Office Visits:	
Preventive checkup (includes pediatric & adult)	\$175
Preventive checkup, infant	\$138
Office visit	\$95
Comprehensive office visit	\$180
Routine OB/Gyn visit	\$240
Routine eye exam	\$98
Emergency:	
Emergency room visit	\$460
Inpatient/Hospital:	
Inpatient, newborn nursery stay, per day	\$965
Inpatient admission, per day	\$2,655
Maternity admission, cost per day	\$1,935
Vaginal delivery (excluding maternity admission)	\$2,850
Cesarean delivery (excluding maternity admission)	\$3,000
Laboratory:	
Prostate screening exam (PSA)	\$50
Basic metabolic panel	\$37
General health panel	\$125
Hemoglobin count	\$6
Lipid profile	\$32
Pap smear	\$38
Strep screening (throat culture)	\$23

¹Average costs based on the in-network provider allowed amount for 2009 ConnectiCare claims data.

Note: These examples are presented as general guidelines for the cost of some common medical services.

Cost of Care (cont.)

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SERVICES	AVERAGE COST ¹
Procedures² : (Excludes Facility Charge)	
Arthroscopy knee/shoulder	\$1,140
Breast biopsy	\$522
Cataract repair	\$1,445
Colonoscopy screening	\$1,106
Gall bladder removal	\$1,390
Heart catheterization	\$1,230
Hysterectomy (total)	\$1,280
Inguinal hernia repair	\$1,325
Knee replacement	\$2,350
Tonsillectomy	\$900
Radiology:	
CT Scan (head, brain, neck, or chest)	\$650
CT Scan (spine, pelvis, or abdomen)	\$765
Mammogram screening	\$256
MRI of leg or arm	\$1,200
MRI of head, brain, neck, chest	\$1,400
MRI of spine, pelvis, abdomen	\$1,350
X-Ray chest	\$100
X-Ray extremity	\$70

¹ Average costs based on the in-network provider allowed amount for 2009 claims data.

² These amounts represent the average costs of the provider performing the procedure. Additional inpatient/outpatient costs may apply.

Note: These examples are presented as general guidelines for the cost of some common medical services. The following statements apply to the information provided within this document:

1. These examples are based on the average cost for services ConnectiCare members receive from in-plan providers. The cost of services from out-of-area providers may vary.
2. The costs presented are intended as an estimate. Actual costs may vary.
3. The dollar amounts in this document represent the average cost for some specified services. Facility and professional service fees vary from provider to provider.
4. Unusually high or low cost samples are not included.
5. Actual member costs will depend upon the services received, plan benefits, negotiated provider rates and, in some cases, billed charges.
6. This information should not replace the advice or instruction given to you by your health care provider. Be sure to speak to your doctor to explore all treatment options.

This overview is meant only as a general guide to providing an understanding of health care costs. The dollar amounts presented are based on averages and actual costs may vary.

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