

PATIENT CHOICE INSIGHTS<sup>SM</sup>

# 2008 HOSPITAL GUIDE AND FACILITY PRICING CATALOG



YOUR GUIDE TO MAKING WISE CHOICES  
ABOUT YOUR CARE. —————>





Most of us know it's important to choose the right doctors for our medical needs. But rarely do we give much thought to choosing a hospital or other health care facility—which can be one of the most important life decisions we make. While it may not always be possible to pick your hospital, especially in an emergency, if you are having a planned procedure, you often have a variety of choices. With that in mind, we've developed this guide to help you evaluate your options and make choices that are right for you.

In this guide, you'll find information about the tools and resources that are available to help you better understand the cost and quality differences that exist among health care facilities—so you can choose wisely.

It's another way we put you in control of your health care decisions.

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## THE FACILITY PRICING CATALOG

### *Giving you the information you need to better manage your health care dollars*

The cost of health care services can vary dramatically. The Facility Pricing Catalog is an innovative listing that allows you to see pricing information for selected services at numerous facilities in the Patient Choice Insights network. It was developed as part of our ongoing effort to create a consumer-friendly marketplace—where information about health care costs is straightforward and easy to understand.

### Using the Facility Pricing Catalog

The Facility Pricing Catalog is organized by procedure. For each procedure, you'll find a brief description as well as the applicable procedure codes. Procedure codes are used by the health care industry to help accurately and uniformly describe health care services and to determine payment for medical claims. This catalog references:

- Current Procedural Terminology or CPT® Codes
- Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System or HCPCS Codes
- Medicare Severity Diagnosis-Related Group or MS DRG Codes

If you are looking for pricing information regarding a specific procedure, ask your physician to provide the code(s) that will be used to bill for your procedure.

### Comparing Prices

In addition to procedure descriptions and codes, the catalog includes provider-specific price estimates for each procedure. You can use this information to compare prices and to help estimate your out-of-pocket costs for a particular procedure.

All pricing information is based on contracted rates with Patient Choice Insights. Pricing is color-coded to help you quickly identify the low, medium and high price ranges for each procedure.

There are three sections in this catalog—inpatient/outpatient, laboratory and imaging services. The way the pricing information is calculated and displayed is slightly different for each section. For more details, please refer to the following pages:

|                               |         |
|-------------------------------|---------|
| Inpatient/Outpatient Services | page 3  |
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### Here's how it works

By considering the pricing information, the tier assigned for your chosen facility (see the Facility Listing on page 44) and your plan benefits (see your coverage document), you can get a general idea of how much you may need to contribute toward a the cost of your care.

Let's say you are planning to have a colonoscopy and want to estimate the out-of-pocket cost you may incur. Below are two examples:

|           | Facility price listed in the catalog | Tier of the facility selected | Plan benefits for outpatient services           | Your estimated out-of-pocket cost |
|-----------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|
| Example 1 | \$425 - \$475                        | Tier 1 (\$)                   | 20% coinsurance for facilities in tier 1 (\$)   | \$85 - \$95                       |
| Example 2 | \$900                                | Tier 2 (\$\$)                 | 30% coinsurance for facilities in tier 2 (\$\$) | \$270                             |

Note: Examples assume that a deductible (if applicable) has been met. Your employer sets your plan benefit levels which may vary from the examples above. Outpatient prices only reflect the facility portion of the service. Most procedures will involve additional fees for physician services such as the surgeon.

## INPATIENT AND OUTPATIENT SERVICES

Inpatient services are medical procedures, surgeries or tests that, when performed, require an overnight (or longer) stay in the hospital. Conversely, outpatient services are medical procedures, surgeries or tests that are done the same day and do not require an overnight stay in the hospital.

### Questions to Ask

If you are considering having an inpatient or outpatient procedure, it's important to consider your options carefully. Here are some questions you can ask your doctor prior to receiving services:

**Why do I need this procedure?** Talk to your physician about how this procedure applies to your medical condition. For example, is it expected to relieve pain, improve mobility, reduce symptoms or save your life?

**What are the benefits and risks?** All procedures have benefits as well as risks. It's important that you understand both so you can determine what is the best for you. Check to see if any information has been published on the expected outcomes of the procedure. Ask if complications are common with the procedure. Find out about potential side effects.

**Are there alternatives?** Ask your physician if there are other options for obtaining similar results. Sometimes medicines, non-surgical treatments or life-style changes can help improve your medical condition. Consider getting a second opinion. Talking to another physician may provide additional treatment advice that can aid in your decision-making.

**How much experience does the physician have?** You've heard the old adage, practice makes perfect. Well, it applies to health care, too. The more experience a physician has with performing a procedure the better they are likely to be. Don't be afraid to talk with your physician about how often they have performed a particular procedure and what the outcomes were on those procedures.

**How much does it cost?** Costs can vary dramatically by procedure and facility. Sometimes a procedure can be done on an outpatient basis rather than inpatient, resulting in less "down time" for you—at a lower cost. Talk to your physician about cost. You can also compare prices for a variety of inpatient and outpatient procedures on the following pages.

## About the Pricing Information

Pricing information for inpatient and outpatient services is based on contracted rates for the Patient Choice Insights network and includes facility rates only. Pricing does not include costs that are billed separately such as physician fees.

### Single Rates

We asked network hospitals and other facilities to submit a pricing commitment or "single rate" for each procedure; however, not all facilities chose to participate. These single rates give you a more precise estimate of what the facility portion of your procedure will cost. Facilities with single rates are highlighted with a (▶).

### Price Ranges

For facilities that did not submit a single rate, we calculated a price range. These were determined by:

- taking a typical set of previously submitted claims for the facility;
- adjusting for expected changes in 2008 and;
- applying the current Patient Choice Insights contract rates.

Pricing information does not reflect complex cases. Approximately 80 percent of all cases should fall within the price ranges listed.

While network facilities have contract rates in place for the services they provide, only those with a significant number of claims for a particular procedure are included.

### Low, Medium and High Price Ranges

To show you how the facility pricing compares to one another, low, medium and high price ranges are highlighted for each procedure. These were determined by ranking the facilities by their single rate, if provided, or their median (middle) rate, and then grouping them by the natural breaks in the pricing.

These groupings are meant to serve as a general guideline and do not take into account a facility's tier assignment or your plan benefits. The chart on page 2 shows how this information can affect your out-of-pocket cost.

## Appendectomy, Inpatient Service

The surgical removal of the appendix.

Procedure Codes: MS DRGs - 339, 340, 342, 343

| Provider                            | Single Rate | Price Range |          |          |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|----------|----------|
|                                     |             | Low         | Median   | High     |
| Ridgeview Medical Center            |             | \$6,000     | \$6,000  | \$6,900  |
| MeritCare Hospital                  |             | \$5,300     | \$6,100  | \$8,200  |
| HealthEast St John's Hospital       |             | \$5,800     | \$6,800  | \$9,100  |
| Woodwinds Health Campus             |             | \$6,800     | \$6,800  | \$7,800  |
| Buffalo Hospital                    |             | \$6,900     | \$7,200  | \$8,200  |
| Mercy Hospital - Coon Rapids        |             | \$6,200     | \$7,200  | \$13,400 |
| St. Francis Regional Medical Center |             | \$6,200     | \$7,200  | \$9,800  |
| North Memorial Medical Center       |             | \$6,200     | \$7,200  | \$9,800  |
| Fairview Ridges Hospital            |             | \$6,500     | \$7,600  | \$7,600  |
| Fairview Southdale Hospital         |             | \$6,500     | \$7,600  | \$8,800  |
| ▶ Park Nicollet Methodist Hospital  | \$7,700     |             |          |          |
| United Hospital                     |             | \$7,200     | \$7,700  | \$8,800  |
| Abbott Northwestern Hospital        |             | \$7,200     | \$8,200  | \$11,200 |
| Cambridge Medical Center            |             | \$7,200     | \$8,200  | \$15,500 |
| Unity Hospital                      |             | \$7,200     | \$8,200  | \$13,400 |
| Regions Hospital                    |             | \$8,400     | \$9,400  | \$13,000 |
| St. Luke's Hospital                 |             | \$7,200     | \$10,600 | \$18,300 |
| Children's Hospital - St. Paul      |             | \$10,500    | \$13,400 | \$26,000 |
| Children's Hospital - Minneapolis   |             | \$11,600    | \$15,300 | \$23,100 |

## Angioplasty - with Stent, Inpatient Service

A procedure, also known as percutaneous cardiovascular (PTCA), in which a catheter-guided balloon is used to open a narrowed coronary artery. Sometimes, a wire-mesh tube that expands to hold the artery open, called a stent, is placed at the narrowed section during the procedure. It is most often used in the treatment of heart attack.

Procedure Code: MS DRG - 247

| Provider                               | Single Rate | Price Range |          |          |
|--|-------------|-------------|----------|----------|
|  |             | Low         | Median   | High     |
| ▶ Park Nicollet Methodist Hospital     | \$20,000    |             |          |          |
| MeritCare Hospital                     |             | \$20,200    | \$20,200 | \$24,300 |
| HealthEast St. Joseph's Hospital       |             | \$22,300    | \$22,300 | \$36,100 |
| Regions Hospital                       |             | \$17,000    | \$23,300 | \$38,500 |
| Abbott Northwestern Hospital           |             | \$23,900    | \$23,900 | \$33,700 |
| Mercy Hospital - Coon Rapids           |             | \$23,900    | \$23,900 | \$33,700 |
| North Memorial Medical Center          |             | \$23,900    | \$23,900 | \$33,700 |
| Fairview Southdale Hospital            |             | \$25,100    | \$25,100 | \$35,400 |
| University of Minnesota Medical Center |             | \$20,000    | \$25,100 | \$35,400 |
| United Hospital                        |             | \$23,900    | \$28,800 | \$38,600 |

## Arthroscopy - Ankle, Outpatient Service

A type of surgery that uses a small camera (arthroscope) inserted through a small incision to examine or repair joint problems of the ankle.

Procedure Codes: CPT Codes - 29891, 29894, 29895, 29897, 29898, 29899

| Provider                               | Single Rate | Price Range |         |         |
|--|-------------|-------------|---------|---------|
|  |             | Low         | Median  | High    |
| ▶ Westhealth, Inc - Surgery Center     | \$1,431     |             |         |         |
| ▶ TRIA Orthopaedic Center ASC, LLC     | \$1,500     |             |         |         |
| ▶ Landmark Surgery Center              | \$1,655     |             |         |         |
| ▶ Woodbury Ambulatory Surgical Center  | \$1,655     |             |         |         |
| ▶ Park Nicollet Methodist Hospital     | \$2,600     |             |         |         |
| ▶ HealthEast Surgery Center            | \$2,700     |             |         |         |
| ▶ HealthEast St. John's Hospital       | \$2,700     |             |         |         |
| ▶ HealthEast St. Joseph's Hospital     | \$2,700     |             |         |         |
| University of Minnesota Medical Center |             | \$2,700     | \$2,750 | \$4,350 |

## Arthroscopy - Knee, Outpatient Service

A type of surgery that uses a small camera (arthroscope) inserted through a small incision to examine or repair joint problems of the knee.

Procedure Codes: CPT Codes - 29870, 29873, 29874, 29875, 29876, 29877, 29879, 29880, 29881, 29882, 29884, 29885, 29886, 29887, 29888, 29889

| Provider                                 | Single Rate | Price Range |         |          |
|--|-------------|-------------|---------|----------|
|  |             | Low         | Median  | High     |
| ▶ Westhealth, Inc - Surgery Center       | \$1,431     |             |         |          |
| Mercy Hospital - Moose Lake              |             | \$1,600     | \$1,650 | \$1,700  |
| ▶ Landmark Surgery Center                | \$1,655     |             |         |          |
| ▶ Woodbury Ambulatory Surgical Center    | \$1,655     |             |         |          |
| ▶ TRIA Orthopaedic Center ASC, LLC       | \$1,700     |             |         |          |
| Monticello Big Lake Community Hospital   |             | \$1,800     | \$1,800 | \$2,800  |
| Lakewalk Surgery Center                  |             | \$2,050     | \$2,100 | \$2,150  |
| Orthopaedic Institute Surgery Center     |             | \$2,250     | \$2,450 | \$10,700 |
| MeritCare Hospital                       |             | \$2,450     | \$2,500 | \$2,550  |
| North Memorial Medical Center            |             | \$2,600     | \$2,650 | \$4,250  |
| ▶ Fairview Lakes Medical Center          | \$2,650     |             |         |          |
| ▶ Fairview Maple Grove ASC               | \$2,650     |             |         |          |
| ▶ Fairview Northland Medical Center      | \$2,650     |             |         |          |
| ▶ Fairview Ridges Hospital               | \$2,650     |             |         |          |
| ▶ Fairview Southdale Hospital            | \$2,650     |             |         |          |
| ▶ University of Minnesota Medical Center | \$2,650     |             |         |          |
| ▶ HealthEast Surgery Center              | \$2,700     |             |         |          |
| ▶ HealthEast St. John's Hospital         | \$2,700     |             |         |          |
| ▶ HealthEast St. Joseph's Hospital       | \$2,700     |             |         |          |
| ▶ Woodwinds Health Campus                | \$2,700     |             |         |          |
| ▶ Park Nicollet Methodist Hospital       | \$2,800     |             |         |          |
| Abbott Northwestern Hospital             |             | \$3,000     | \$3,050 | \$4,950  |

## Arthroscopy - Knee (continued)

| Provider                            | Single Rate | Price Range |         |          |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|---------|----------|
|                                     |             | Low         | Median  | High     |
| Buffalo Hospital                    |             | \$3,000     | \$3,050 | \$3,150  |
| Cambridge Medical Center            |             | \$3,000     | \$3,050 | \$3,150  |
| Mercy Hospital - Coon Rapids        |             | \$3,000     | \$3,050 | \$4,950  |
| Owatonna Hospital                   |             | \$3,000     | \$3,050 | \$4,950  |
| St. Francis Regional Medical Center |             | \$3,000     | \$3,050 | \$3,150  |
| United Hospital                     |             | \$3,000     | \$3,050 | \$4,950  |
| Unity Hospital                      |             | \$3,000     | \$3,050 | \$4,950  |
| St. Luke's Hospital                 |             | \$4,150     | \$4,550 | \$17,150 |
| St. Cloud Outpatient Surgery, Ltd   |             | \$2,450     | \$4,550 | \$6,700  |
| Regina Medical Center               |             | \$3,750     | \$4,600 | \$10,450 |
| Ridgeview Medical Center            |             | \$4,750     | \$5,150 | \$6,800  |
| St. Cloud Hospital                  |             | \$5,150     | \$5,550 | \$9,400  |
| Queen of Peace Hospital             |             | \$5,400     | \$5,900 | \$8,450  |
| Northfield Hospital                 |             | \$5,500     | \$6,300 | \$14,650 |
| High Pointe Surgery Center          |             | \$3,650     | \$6,950 | \$9,950  |

▶ Single rate denotes a pricing commitment submitted by a provider and offers a more precise estimate of what the procedure is likely to cost.

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Price range relative to other facilities:

|       |        |        |
|-------|--------|--------|
| Lower | Medium | Higher |
|-------|--------|--------|

## Arthroscopy - Shoulder, Outpatient Service

A type of surgery that uses a small camera (arthroscope) inserted through a small incision to examine or repair the tissues inside or around your shoulder joint.

Procedure Codes: CPT Codes - 29805-29807, 29819 - 29827

| Provider                                 | Single Rate | Price Range |         |          |
|--|-------------|-------------|---------|----------|
|  |             | Low         | Median  | High     |
| ▶ TRIA Orthopaedic Center ASC, LLC       | \$2,100     |             |         |          |
| ▶ Landmark Surgery Center                | \$2,630     |             |         |          |
| ▶ Woodbury Ambulatory Surgical Center    | \$2,630     |             |         |          |
| ▶ Fairview Lakes Medical Center          | \$2,650     |             |         |          |
| ▶ Fairview Maple Grove ASC               | \$2,650     |             |         |          |
| ▶ Fairview Northland Medical Center      | \$2,650     |             |         |          |
| ▶ Fairview Ridges Hospital               | \$2,650     |             |         |          |
| ▶ Fairview Southdale Hospital            | \$2,650     |             |         |          |
| ▶ University of Minnesota Medical Center | \$2,650     |             |         |          |
| ▶ HealthEast St. John's Hospital         | \$2,700     |             |         |          |
| ▶ HealthEast St. Joseph's Hospital       | \$2,700     |             |         |          |
| ▶ HealthEast Surgery Center              | \$2,700     |             |         |          |
| ▶ Park Nicollet Methodist Hospital       | \$3,200     |             |         |          |
| Lakewalk Surgery Center                  |             | \$2,100     | \$3,325 | \$3,425  |
| North Memorial Medical Center            |             | \$2,650     | \$4,200 | \$4,300  |
| Abbott Northwestern Hospital             |             | \$3,075     | \$4,875 | \$4,975  |
| Mercy Hospital - Coon Rapids             |             | \$3,075     | \$4,875 | \$4,975  |
| St. Francis Regional Medical Center      |             | \$3,075     | \$4,875 | \$4,975  |
| Unity Hospital                           |             | \$3,075     | \$4,875 | \$4,975  |
| Orthopaedic Institute Surgery Center     |             | \$3,100     | \$7,475 | \$12,825 |
| High Pointe Surgery Center               |             | \$5,325     | \$8,950 | \$12,500 |

## Back Problems, Non-Surgical, Inpatient Service

Includes any symptoms of pain or inflammation in either the neck or back.

Procedure Code: MS DRG - 552

| Provider                               | Single Rate | Price Range |         |          |
|--|-------------|-------------|---------|----------|
|  |             | Low         | Median  | High     |
| HealthEast St John's Hospital          |             | \$3,900     | \$5,100 | \$7,600  |
| University of Minnesota Medical Center |             | \$3,000     | \$5,200 | \$11,400 |
| ▶ Park Nicollet Methodist Hospital     | \$5,400     |             |         |          |
| Mercy Hospital - Coon Rapids           |             | \$4,200     | \$5,500 | \$9,500  |
| United Hospital                        |             | \$4,200     | \$5,500 | \$10,900 |
| St. Luke's Hospital                    |             | \$2,100     | \$5,500 | \$8,500  |
| Fairview Ridges Hospital               |             | \$3,000     | \$5,800 | \$6,300  |
| Fairview Southdale Hospital            |             | \$4,400     | \$5,800 | \$8,600  |
| Abbott Northwestern Hospital           |             | \$4,200     | \$6,200 | \$16,200 |
| North Memorial Medical Center          |             | \$4,200     | \$6,800 | \$9,500  |
| Unity Hospital                         |             | \$4,200     | \$7,500 | \$9,500  |

## Cardiac Catheterization, Outpatient Service

Cardiac catheterization can be used to check blood flow in the coronary arteries, blood flow and pressure in the heart chambers, and to check for defects in the heart valves and muscles.

Procedure Codes: CPT Codes - 93501, 93508, 93510, 93524, 93526, 93527, 93530, 93531, 93533

| Provider                               | Single Rate | Price Range |          |          |
|--|-------------|-------------|----------|----------|
|  |             | Low         | Median   | High     |
| Innovis Health                         |             | \$1,800     | \$1,850  | \$1,900  |
| Regions Hospital                       |             | \$2,500     | \$2,850  | \$7,800  |
| ▶ Park Nicollet Methodist Hospital     | \$3,100     |             |          |          |
| ▶ HealthEast St. John's Hospital       | \$3,100     |             |          |          |
| ▶ HealthEast St. Joseph's Hospital     | \$3,100     |             |          |          |
| MeritCare Hospital                     |             | \$3,200     | \$3,250  | \$3,300  |
| North Memorial Medical Center          |             | \$3,350     | \$3,400  | \$3,450  |
| Fairview Southdale Hospital            |             | \$3,500     | \$3,550  | \$3,600  |
| University of Minnesota Medical Center |             | \$3,500     | \$3,550  | \$3,600  |
| Abbott Northwestern Hospital           |             | \$3,950     | \$4,000  | \$4,050  |
| Mercy Hospital - Coon Rapids           |             | \$3,950     | \$4,000  | \$4,050  |
| United Hospital                        |             | \$3,950     | \$4,000  | \$4,050  |
| St. Cloud Hospital                     |             | \$4,200     | \$5,000  | \$6,750  |
| St. Luke's Hospital                    |             | \$6,250     | \$7,250  | \$9,650  |
| Children's Hospital - Minneapolis      |             | \$9,200     | \$10,900 | \$21,950 |

## Carpal Tunnel Surgery, Outpatient Service

Surgery to relieve pain and/or muscle weakness due to a pinched nerve in the wrist.

Procedure Code: CPT Code - 64721

| Provider                                   | Single Rate | Price Range |         |         |
|--|-------------|-------------|---------|---------|
|  |             | Low         | Median  | High    |
| Westhealth, Inc - Surgery Center           |             | \$850       | \$900   | \$950   |
| ▶ TRIA Orthopaedic Center ASC, LLC         | \$900       |             |         |         |
| HealthSouth Centennial Lake Surgery Center |             | \$1,550     | \$1,600 | \$1,650 |
| ▶ Park Nicollet Methodist Hospital         | \$1,600     |             |         |         |
| North Memorial Medical Center              |             | \$1,600     | \$1,650 | \$1,700 |
| Fairview Southdale Hospital                |             | \$1,650     | \$1,700 | \$1,750 |
| Abbott Northwestern Hospital               |             | \$1,850     | \$1,900 | \$1,950 |
| Mercy Hospital - Coon Rapids               |             | \$1,850     | \$1,900 | \$1,950 |
| United Hospital                            |             | \$1,850     | \$1,900 | \$1,950 |
| Unity Hospital                             |             | \$1,850     | \$1,900 | \$1,950 |
| High Pointe Surgery Center                 |             | \$1,950     | \$2,000 | \$4,500 |
| Ridgeview Medical Center                   |             | \$1,350     | \$2,100 | \$2,650 |
| Hutchinson Community Hospital              |             | \$2,500     | \$2,800 | \$9,150 |
| St. Cloud Hospital                         |             | \$3,050     | \$3,250 | \$3,850 |

▶ Single rate denotes a pricing commitment submitted by a provider and offers a more precise estimate of what the procedure is likely to cost.

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Price range relative to other facilities:

|       |        |        |
|-------|--------|--------|
| Lower | Medium | Higher |
|-------|--------|--------|

## Cellulitis, Inpatient Service

Cellulitis is a spreading inflammation of the skin, typically caused by bacterial infection. It is commonly found on the legs or face.

Procedure Code: MS DRG - 603

| Provider                               | Single Rate | Price Range |          |          |
|--|-------------|-------------|----------|----------|
|  |             | Low         | Median   | High     |
| St. Luke's Hospital                    |             | \$2,100     | \$4,000  | \$15,300 |
| ▶ Park Nicollet Methodist Hospital     | \$5,000     |             |          |          |
| Mercy Hospital - Coon Rapids           |             | \$4,000     | \$5,300  | \$7,800  |
| United Hospital                        |             | \$4,000     | \$5,300  | \$8,500  |
| Fairview Ridges Hospital               |             | \$2,800     | \$5,500  | \$8,200  |
| Fairview Southdale Hospital            |             | \$2,800     | \$5,500  | \$8,200  |
| University of Minnesota Medical Center |             | \$3,500     | \$5,500  | \$8,200  |
| Unity Hospital                         |             | \$4,000     | \$5,900  | \$9,100  |
| North Memorial Medical Center          |             | \$5,300     | \$5,900  | \$7,800  |
| St. Francis Regional Medical Center    |             | \$4,000     | \$6,500  | \$7,800  |
| Regions Hospital                       |             | \$4,100     | \$7,100  | \$18,400 |
| Abbott Northwestern Hospital           |             | \$4,000     | \$7,800  | \$10,400 |
| Children's Hospital - St. Paul         |             | \$4,200     | \$9,500  | \$12,500 |
| Children's Hospital - Minneapolis      |             | \$6,500     | \$10,400 | \$14,500 |

## Colonoscopy, Outpatient Service

A colonoscopy allows doctors to see the inside of the colon to help diagnose, monitor and treat diseases and conditions affecting the colorectal area. Procedure may include removal of lesions, tumors and/or polyps.

Procedure Codes: CPT Codes - 44388, 44392, 44394, 45355, 45378, 45380 - 45386, 45392  
HCPCS Codes - G0120, G0121

| Provider                                    | Single Rate | Price Range |        |         |
|---|-------------|-------------|--------|---------|
|   |             | Low         | Median | High    |
| Dakota Clinic Day Surgery At Innovis        |             | \$400       | \$450  | \$475   |
| Dakota Clinic Regional Health               |             | \$425       | \$450  | \$475   |
| Westhealth, Inc - Surgery Center            |             | \$425       | \$450  | \$475   |
| Community Memorial Hospital                 |             | \$425       | \$500  | \$525   |
| Hayward Area Memorial Hospital              |             | \$475       | \$500  | \$525   |
| Memorial Medical Center                     |             | \$475       | \$500  | \$525   |
| Mercy Hospital - Moose Lake                 |             | \$475       | \$500  | \$525   |
| MNGI Endoscopy ASC, Inc                     |             | \$450       | \$500  | \$525   |
| Burnett Medical Center                      |             | \$475       | \$500  | \$525   |
| Monticello Big Lake Community Hospital      |             | \$525       | \$550  | \$575   |
| Riverside Endoscopy Center                  |             | \$550       | \$575  | \$600   |
| Lakewalk Surgery Center                     |             | \$625       | \$650  | \$675   |
| Pavilion Surgery Center                     |             | \$625       | \$650  | \$675   |
| Lakeview Hospital                           |             | \$675       | \$700  | \$725   |
| MeritCare Hospital                          |             | \$750       | \$775  | \$800   |
| Hennepin County Medical Center              |             | \$450       | \$775  | \$2,100 |
| Fairview Red Wing Medical Center            |             | \$750       | \$775  | \$800   |
| ▶ Park Nicollet Methodist Hospital          | \$790       |             |        |         |
| North Memorial Medical Center               |             | \$775       | \$800  | \$825   |
| HealthPartners Same Day Surgery Center      |             | \$650       | \$825  | \$2,025 |
| ▶ Fairview Lakes Medical Center             | \$815       |             |        |         |
| ▶ Fairview Maple Grove ASC                  | \$815       |             |        |         |
| ▶ Fairview Northland Medical Center         | \$815       |             |        |         |
| ▶ Fairview Ridges Hospital                  | \$815       |             |        |         |
| ▶ Fairview Southdale Hospital               | \$815       |             |        |         |
| ▶ University of Minnesota Medical Center    | \$815       |             |        |         |
| Fairview University Medical Center - Mesabi |             | \$800       | \$825  | \$850   |

## Colonoscopy (continued)

| Provider                            | Single Rate | Price Range |         |         |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|---------|---------|
|                                     |             | Low         | Median  | High    |
| Buffalo Hospital                    |             | \$825       | \$850   | \$975   |
| Mercy Hospital - Coon Rapids        |             | \$825       | \$850   | \$975   |
| New Ulm Medical Center              |             | \$825       | \$850   | \$975   |
| Chippewa County Montevideo Hospital |             | \$775       | \$850   | \$1,500 |
| ▶ HealthEast St. John's Hospital    | \$900       |             |         |         |
| ▶ HealthEast St. Joseph's Hospital  | \$900       |             |         |         |
| Abbott Northwestern Hospital        |             | \$825       | \$950   | \$975   |
| Cambridge Medical Center            |             | \$825       | \$950   | \$975   |
| Owatonna Hospital                   |             | \$825       | \$950   | \$975   |
| River Falls Area Hospital           |             | \$825       | \$950   | \$975   |
| St. Francis Regional Medical Center |             | \$825       | \$950   | \$975   |
| United Hospital                     |             | \$825       | \$950   | \$975   |
| Unity Hospital                      |             | \$825       | \$950   | \$975   |
| Woodbury Ambulatory Surgical Center |             | \$925       | \$950   | \$975   |
| Ridgeview Medical Center            |             | \$825       | \$975   | \$1,275 |
| St. Cloud Outpatient Surgery, Ltd   |             | \$925       | \$975   | \$1,325 |
| Baldwin Area Medical Center         |             | \$850       | \$1,000 | \$1,250 |
| Regions Hospital                    |             | \$825       | \$1,000 | \$1,875 |
| Stevens Community Medical Center    |             | \$725       | \$1,000 | \$2,925 |
| Paynesville Area Hospital           |             | \$975       | \$1,050 | \$2,225 |
| Melrose Area Hospital               |             | \$975       | \$1,150 | \$1,400 |
| Regina Medical Center               |             | \$950       | \$1,150 | \$1,450 |
| Rice County District One Hospital   |             | \$1,125     | \$1,175 | \$2,450 |
| Center For Outpatient Surgery       |             | \$1,075     | \$1,200 | \$2,600 |
| Queen of Peace Hospital             |             | \$1,000     | \$1,225 | \$1,675 |
| Hudson Hospital                     |             | \$1,100     | \$1,225 | \$1,550 |
| Northfield Hospital                 |             | \$1,050     | \$1,300 | \$2,450 |

## Colonoscopy (continued)

| Provider                                 | Single Rate | Price Range |         |         |
|--|-------------|-------------|---------|---------|
|  |             | Low         | Median  | High    |
| Westfields Hospital                      |             | \$1,425     | \$1,525 | \$1,700 |
| St. Cloud Hospital                       |             | \$1,050     | \$1,575 | \$2,275 |
| Hutchinson Community Hospital            |             | \$1,475     | \$1,600 | \$1,775 |
| St. Luke's Hospital                      |             | \$975       | \$1,600 | \$3,425 |
| Glacial Ridge Hospital                   |             | \$1,475     | \$1,900 | \$2,225 |
| St. Croix Regional Medical Center        |             | \$1,825     | \$1,950 | \$2,200 |
| Granite Falls Municipal Hospital & Manor |             | \$2,075     | \$2,175 | \$2,400 |

## Coronary Bypass, Inpatient Service

A procedure to create a new pathway around a blocked portion of a heart artery using a blood vessel taken elsewhere in the body (usually the chest or leg). Blood is redirected through the new blood vessel, restoring blood flow to the affected portion of the heart muscle.

Procedure Codes: MS DRGs - 234, 236

| Provider                           | Single Rate | Price Range |          |          |
|------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|----------|----------|
|                                    |             | Low         | Median   | High     |
| ▶ Park Nicollet Methodist Hospital | \$38,000    |             |          |          |
| Mercy Hospital - Coon Rapids       |             | \$33,700    | \$39,100 | \$44,100 |
| Fairview Southdale Hospital        |             | \$38,600    | \$42,900 | \$51,200 |
| Abbott Northwestern Hospital       |             | \$36,800    | \$44,100 | \$49,200 |
| United Hospital                    |             | \$39,100    | \$44,100 | \$53,900 |

▶ Single rate denotes a pricing commitment submitted by a provider and offers a more precise estimate of what the procedure is likely to cost.

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Price range relative to other facilities:

|       |        |        |
|-------|--------|--------|
| Lower | Medium | Higher |
|-------|--------|--------|

## Ear Tubes, Outpatient Service

A procedure to place drainage tube(s) in the eardrum(s).

Procedure Codes: CPT Codes - 69420, 69424, 69433, 69436

| Provider                                 | Single Rate | Price Range |         |         |
|--|-------------|-------------|---------|---------|
|  |             | Low         | Median  | High    |
| Westhealth, Inc - Surgery Center         |             | \$800       | \$850   | \$875   |
| ▶ Children's Health Care - West          | \$900       |             |         |         |
| ▶ Children's Hospital - St. Paul         | \$1,025     |             |         |         |
| ▶ Children's Hospital - Minneapolis      | \$1,025     |             |         |         |
| ▶ Fairview Maple Grove ASC               | \$1,065     |             |         |         |
| ▶ Fairview Northland Medical Center      | \$1,065     |             |         |         |
| ▶ Fairview Ridges Hospital               | \$1,065     |             |         |         |
| ▶ Fairview Southdale Hospital            | \$1,065     |             |         |         |
| ▶ University of Minnesota Medical Center | \$1,065     |             |         |         |
| ▶ St. Cloud Outpatient Surgery, Ltd      | \$1,107     |             |         |         |
| ▶ Pavilion Surgery Center                | \$1,198     |             |         |         |
| ▶ Park Nicollet Methodist Hospital       | \$1,200     |             |         |         |
| ▶ HealthEast St. John's Hospital         | \$1,200     |             |         |         |
| ▶ HealthEast St. Joseph's Hospital       | \$1,200     |             |         |         |
| ▶ Woodwinds Health Campus                | \$1,200     |             |         |         |
| MeritCare Hospital                       |             | \$1,050     | \$1,450 | \$1,500 |
| North Memorial Medical Center            |             | \$1,450     | \$1,500 | \$1,550 |
| Buffalo Hospital                         |             | \$1,700     | \$1,750 | \$1,800 |
| Cambridge Medical Center                 |             | \$1,700     | \$1,750 | \$1,800 |
| Mercy Hospital - Coon Rapids             |             | \$1,700     | \$1,750 | \$1,800 |
| St. Francis Regional Medical Center      |             | \$1,700     | \$1,750 | \$1,800 |
| Unity Hospital                           |             | \$1,250     | \$1,750 | \$1,800 |
| Ridgeview Medical Center                 |             | \$1,700     | \$1,800 | \$2,050 |
| Northfield Hospital                      |             | \$2,550     | \$3,300 | \$4,400 |

## Gallbladder Removal, Inpatient Service

The surgical removal of the gallbladder.

Procedure Codes: MS DRGs - 412, 413, 415, 416, 418, 419

| Provider                               | Single Rate | Price Range |          |          |
|--|-------------|-------------|----------|----------|
|  |             | Low         | Median   | High     |
| Lakeview Hospital                      |             | \$7,100     | \$7,700  | \$13,400 |
| St. Luke's Hospital                    |             | \$6,500     | \$8,700  | \$16,200 |
| HealthEast St John's Hospital          |             | \$9,600     | \$9,600  | \$16,200 |
| Ridgeview Medical Center               |             | \$6,600     | \$10,500 | \$23,000 |
| ▶ Park Nicollet Methodist Hospital     | \$12,000    |             |          |          |
| Mercy Hospital - Coon Rapids           |             | \$10,300    | \$12,600 | \$19,600 |
| United Hospital                        |             | \$8,000     | \$12,600 | \$20,200 |
| North Memorial Medical Center          |             | \$10,300    | \$12,600 | \$23,900 |
| University of Minnesota Medical Center |             | \$10,800    | \$13,300 | \$18,500 |
| St. Francis Regional Medical Center    |             | \$9,100     | \$13,700 | \$24,800 |
| Abbott Northwestern Hospital           |             | \$10,300    | \$15,000 | \$22,000 |
| Unity Hospital                         |             | \$10,300    | \$15,000 | \$24,300 |

## Gallbladder Removal - Laparoscopic, Outpatient Service

A procedure to remove the gallbladder and gallstones through several small incisions in the abdomen. Procedure is also referred to as a cholecystectomy.

Procedure Codes: CPT Codes - 47562, 47563

| Provider                               | Single Rate | Price Range |         |         |
|--|-------------|-------------|---------|---------|
|  |             | Low         | Median  | High    |
| MeritCare Hospital                     |             | \$3,375     | \$3,825 | \$3,850 |
| ▶ Park Nicollet Methodist Hospital     | \$3,900     |             |         |         |
| North Memorial Medical Center          |             | \$4,025     | \$4,050 | \$4,125 |
| Fairview Lakes Medical Center          |             | \$4,150     | \$4,175 | \$4,250 |
| Fairview Northland Medical Center      |             | \$4,150     | \$4,175 | \$4,250 |
| Fairview Ridges Hospital               |             | \$4,150     | \$4,175 | \$4,250 |
| Fairview Southdale Hospital            |             | \$4,150     | \$4,175 | \$4,250 |
| University of Minnesota Medical Center |             | \$4,150     | \$4,175 | \$4,250 |

## Gallbladder Removal - Laparoscopic (continued)

| Provider                            | Single Rate | Price Range |         |         |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|---------|---------|
|                                     |             | Low         | Median  | High    |
| Abbott Northwestern Hospital        |             | \$4,675     | \$4,700 | \$4,775 |
| Buffalo Hospital                    |             | \$4,675     | \$4,700 | \$4,775 |
| Cambridge Medical Center            |             | \$4,675     | \$4,700 | \$4,775 |
| Mercy Hospital - Coon Rapids        |             | \$4,675     | \$4,700 | \$4,775 |
| St. Francis Regional Medical Center |             | \$4,675     | \$4,700 | \$4,775 |
| United Hospital                     |             | \$4,675     | \$4,700 | \$4,775 |
| Unity Hospital                      |             | \$4,675     | \$4,700 | \$4,775 |
| Rice County District One Hospital   |             | \$4,375     | \$5,275 | \$5,750 |
| HealthEast St. John's Hospital      |             | \$5,600     | \$5,625 | \$5,700 |
| HealthEast St. Joseph's Hospital    |             | \$5,600     | \$5,625 | \$5,700 |
| Woodwinds Health Campus             |             | \$5,600     | \$5,625 | \$5,700 |
| Regions Hospital                    |             | \$5,450     | \$6,075 | \$7,775 |
| Ridgeview Medical Center            |             | \$5,875     | \$6,625 | \$7,350 |
| Hutchinson Community Hospital       |             | \$6,775     | \$7,375 | \$9,025 |
| Regina Medical Center               |             | \$7,500     | \$8,400 | \$9,425 |
| St. Cloud Hospital                  |             | \$7,475     | \$8,750 | \$9,525 |
| Westfields Hospital                 |             | \$8,375     | \$8,775 | \$9,825 |

## Hernia Repair, Inpatient Service

A procedure to repair a hernia, which occurs when the tissue from inside the abdomen bulges out through a weak spot in the muscle of the abdominal wall.

Procedure Codes: MS DRGs - 351, 352, 354, 355

| Provider                                 | Single Rate | Price Range |          |          |
|--|-------------|-------------|----------|----------|
|  |             | Low         | Median   | High     |
| ▶ Park Nicollet Methodist Hospital       | \$6,200     |             |          |          |
| ▶ Fairview Ridges Hospital               | \$7,300     |             |          |          |
| ▶ Fairview Southdale Hospital            | \$7,300     |             |          |          |
| ▶ University of Minnesota Medical Center | \$7,300     |             |          |          |
| Abbott Northwestern Hospital             |             | \$7,000     | \$8,500  | \$12,900 |
| North Memorial Medical Center            |             | \$7,000     | \$9,900  | \$14,800 |
| United Hospital                          |             | \$7,000     | \$10,500 | \$18,500 |

▶ Single rate denotes a pricing commitment submitted by a provider and offers a more precise estimate of what the procedure is likely to cost.

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Price range relative to other facilities:

|       |        |        |
|-------|--------|--------|
| Lower | Medium | Higher |
|-------|--------|--------|

### Hernia Repair, Inguinal, Outpatient Service

A procedure to repair an inguinal hernia, which occurs when a small portion of the bowel bulges out through the inguinal canal—a passage or opening through the muscles of the abdominal wall—into the groin.

Procedure Codes: CPT Codes - 49491, 49495, 49496, 49500, 49501, 9505, 49507, 49520, 49521, 49525, 49650, 49651

| Provider                                 | Single Rate | Price Range |         |         |
|--|-------------|-------------|---------|---------|
|  |             | Low         | Median  | High    |
| ▶ Children's Health Care - West          | \$1,900     |             |         |         |
| ▶ Children's Hospital - Minneapolis      | \$2,400     |             |         |         |
| ▶ Children's Hospital - St. Paul         | \$2,400     |             |         |         |
| ▶ HealthEast St. John's Hospital         | \$2,400     |             |         |         |
| ▶ HealthEast St. Joseph's Hospital       | \$2,400     |             |         |         |
| ▶ Woodwinds Health Campus                | \$2,400     |             |         |         |
| ▶ Fairview Maple Grove ASC               | \$2,450     |             |         |         |
| ▶ Fairview Ridges Hospital               | \$2,450     |             |         |         |
| ▶ Fairview Southdale Hospital            | \$2,450     |             |         |         |
| ▶ University of Minnesota Medical Center | \$2,450     |             |         |         |
| ▶ Park Nicollet Methodist Hospital       | \$2,500     |             |         |         |
| North Memorial Medical Center            |             | \$2,650     | \$2,700 | \$4,050 |
| HealthEast Surgery Center                |             | \$3,000     | \$3,050 | \$4,600 |
| Abbott Northwestern Hospital             |             | \$3,100     | \$3,150 | \$4,750 |
| Buffalo Hospital                         |             | \$3,100     | \$3,150 | \$3,200 |
| Mercy Hospital - Coon Rapids             |             | \$3,100     | \$3,150 | \$3,200 |
| St. Francis Regional Medical Center      |             | \$3,100     | \$3,150 | \$3,200 |
| United Hospital                          |             | \$3,100     | \$3,150 | \$3,200 |
| Unity Hospital                           |             | \$3,100     | \$3,150 | \$3,200 |
| St. Cloud Outpatient Surgery, Ltd        |             | \$3,650     | \$3,850 | \$7,300 |
| Ridgeview Medical Center                 |             | \$3,650     | \$4,350 | \$5,950 |
| St. Cloud Hospital                       |             | \$4,800     | \$5,600 | \$7,150 |

### Hip or Knee Replacement, Inpatient Service

A procedure to replace worn or damaged joint(s) with artificial parts.

Procedure Codes: MS DRGs 462, 467, 468, 470

| Provider                                 | Single Rate | Price Range |          |          |
|--|-------------|-------------|----------|----------|
|  |             | Low         | Median   | High     |
| Monticello Big Lake Community Hospital   |             | \$11,400    | \$13,600 | \$14,600 |
| Lakeview Hospital                        |             | \$12,600    | \$13,800 | \$16,200 |
| MeritCare Hospital                       |             | \$12,400    | \$16,400 | \$21,700 |
| ▶ Park Nicollet Methodist Hospital       | \$16,500    |             |          |          |
| ▶ Fairview Lakes Medical Center          | \$17,000    |             |          |          |
| ▶ Fairview Ridges Hospital               | \$17,000    |             |          |          |
| ▶ Fairview Southdale Hospital            | \$17,000    |             |          |          |
| ▶ University of Minnesota Medical Center | \$17,000    |             |          |          |
| Ridgeview Medical Center                 |             | \$15,700    | \$17,500 | \$18,800 |
| ▶ HealthEast St. John's Hospital         | \$18,500    |             |          |          |
| ▶ HealthEast St. Joseph's Hospital       | \$18,500    |             |          |          |
| ▶ Woodwinds Health Campus                | \$18,500    |             |          |          |
| Abbott Northwestern Hospital             |             | \$19,400    | \$19,400 | \$27,600 |
| Mercy Hospital - Coon Rapids             |             | \$16,300    | \$19,400 | \$22,600 |
| St. Francis Regional Medical Center      |             | \$16,300    | \$19,400 | \$27,500 |
| United Hospital                          |             | \$18,700    | \$19,400 | \$25,200 |
| Unity Hospital                           |             | \$17,900    | \$19,400 | \$34,000 |
| North Memorial Medical Center            |             | \$16,300    | \$19,400 | \$22,700 |
| St. Luke's Hospital                      |             | \$18,400    | \$23,800 | \$30,400 |
| Regions Hospital                         |             | \$20,800    | \$24,300 | \$40,300 |

## Hysterectomy, Inpatient Service

A procedure to remove a woman's uterus.

Procedure Code: MS DRG - 743

| Provider                                 | Single Rate | Price Range |          |          |
|--|-------------|-------------|----------|----------|
|  |             | Low         | Median   | High     |
| MeritCare Hospital                       |             | \$4,900     | \$6,500  | \$8,900  |
| ▶ Fairview Lakes Medical Center          | \$7,000     |             |          |          |
| ▶ Fairview Ridges Hospital               | \$7,000     |             |          |          |
| ▶ Fairview Southdale Hospital            | \$7,000     |             |          |          |
| ▶ Park Nicollet Methodist Hospital       | \$7,000     |             |          |          |
| ▶ University of Minnesota Medical Center | \$7,000     |             |          |          |
| ▶ Abbott Northwestern Hospital           | \$7,500     |             |          |          |
| ▶ Buffalo Hospital                       | \$7,500     |             |          |          |
| ▶ Cambridge Medical Center               | \$7,500     |             |          |          |
| ▶ Mercy Hospital - Coon Rapids           | \$7,500     |             |          |          |
| ▶ New Ulm Medical Center                 | \$7,500     |             |          |          |
| ▶ Owatonna Hospital                      | \$7,500     |             |          |          |
| ▶ River Falls Area Hospital              | \$7,500     |             |          |          |
| ▶ St. Francis Regional Medical Center    | \$7,500     |             |          |          |
| ▶ United Hospital                        | \$7,500     |             |          |          |
| ▶ Unity Hospital                         | \$7,500     |             |          |          |
| Monticello Big Lake Community Hospital   |             | \$6,900     | \$7,600  | \$8,300  |
| Regina Medical Center                    |             | \$7,800     | \$7,800  | \$8,600  |
| Ridgeview Medical Center                 |             | \$8,200     | \$8,200  | \$9,100  |
| ▶ HealthEast St. John's Hospital         | \$8,715     |             |          |          |
| ▶ HealthEast St. Joseph's Hospital       | \$8,715     |             |          |          |
| ▶ Woodwinds Health Campus                | \$8,715     |             |          |          |
| North Memorial Medical Center            |             | \$9,900     | \$10,900 | \$11,900 |
| St. Luke's Hospital                      |             | \$10,100    | \$12,500 | \$17,000 |

## Kidney Stone Fragmenting, Outpatient Service

A procedure to break kidney stones into small pieces so they can more easily pass through the urinary tract and from the body. A kidney stone is a solid piece of material that forms in the kidney from salts and minerals in the urine.

Procedure Code: CPT Code - 50590

| Provider                           | Single Rate | Price Range |          |          |
|------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|----------|----------|
|                                    |             | Low         | Median   | High     |
| ▶ Park Nicollet Methodist Hospital | \$3,900     |             |          |          |
| Fairview Southdale Hospital        |             | \$4,100     | \$4,150  | \$4,250  |
| Abbott Northwestern Hospital       |             | \$4,650     | \$4,700  | \$4,800  |
| Mercy Hospital - Coon Rapids       |             | \$4,650     | \$4,700  | \$4,800  |
| St. Cloud Hospital                 |             | \$9,750     | \$10,450 | \$13,650 |

## Kidney Stone Removal, Inpatient Service

The surgical removal of a solid piece of material or "kidney stone" that forms in the kidney. Kidney stones form when salts and minerals in the urine stick together.

Procedure Codes: MS DRGs - 692, 694

| Provider                           | Single Rate | Price Range |         |         |
|------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|---------|---------|
|                                    |             | Low         | Median  | High    |
| ▶ Park Nicollet Methodist Hospital | \$5,300     |             |         |         |
| Abbott Northwestern Hospital       |             | \$5,600     | \$5,600 | \$7,400 |
| Mercy Hospital - Coon Rapids       |             | \$3,800     | \$5,600 | \$8,400 |
| United Hospital                    |             | \$3,800     | \$5,600 | \$7,400 |
| North Memorial Medical Center      |             | \$3,800     | \$5,600 | \$7,400 |

▶ Single rate denotes a pricing commitment submitted by a provider and offers a more precise estimate of what the procedure is likely to cost.

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Price range relative to other facilities:

|       |        |        |
|-------|--------|--------|
| Lower | Medium | Higher |
|-------|--------|--------|

### Maternity, Cesarean Section (C-section), Inpatient Service

Delivery of a baby through incision in the mother's abdomen and uterus.

The facility cost information below does not include fees associated with newborn services. See page 15 for more information.

Procedure Code: MS DRG - 766

| Provider                                    | Single Rate | Price Range |          |          |
|---|-------------|-------------|----------|----------|
|   |             | Low         | Median   | High     |
| MeritCare Hospital                          |             | \$5,200     | \$5,900  | \$7,600  |
| ▶ North Memorial Medical Center             | \$6,500     |             |          |          |
| Innovis Health                              |             | \$6,100     | \$6,600  | \$7,100  |
| ▶ Fairview Lakes Medical Center             | \$8,200     |             |          |          |
| ▶ Fairview Northland Medical Center         | \$8,200     |             |          |          |
| ▶ Fairview Ridges Hospital                  | \$8,200     |             |          |          |
| ▶ Fairview Southdale Hospital               | \$8,200     |             |          |          |
| ▶ University of Minnesota Medical Center    | \$8,200     |             |          |          |
| Fairview University Medical Center - Mesabi |             | \$7,600     | \$8,200  | \$8,200  |
| ▶ Abbott Northwestern Hospital              | \$8,500     |             |          |          |
| ▶ Buffalo Hospital                          | \$8,500     |             |          |          |
| ▶ Cambridge Medical Center                  | \$8,500     |             |          |          |
| ▶ Mercy Hospital - Coon Rapids              | \$8,500     |             |          |          |
| ▶ New Ulm Medical Center                    | \$8,500     |             |          |          |
| ▶ Owatonna Hospital                         | \$8,500     |             |          |          |
| ▶ River Falls Area Hospital                 | \$8,500     |             |          |          |
| ▶ St. Francis Regional Medical Center       | \$8,500     |             |          |          |
| ▶ United Hospital                           | \$8,500     |             |          |          |
| ▶ Unity Hospital                            | \$8,500     |             |          |          |
| ▶ Park Nicollet Methodist Hospital          | \$8,900     |             |          |          |
| Monticello Big Lake Community Hospital      |             | \$7,600     | \$9,000  | \$9,700  |
| Regions Hospital                            |             | \$7,800     | \$9,500  | \$14,100 |
| St. Luke's Hospital                         |             | \$8,200     | \$9,700  | \$12,000 |
| Lakeview Hospital                           |             | \$9,300     | \$9,900  | \$10,700 |
| Ridgeview Medical Center                    |             | \$10,700    | \$10,800 | \$10,900 |
| ▶ HealthEast St. John's Hospital            | \$11,040    |             |          |          |
| ▶ HealthEast St. Joseph's Hospital          | \$11,040    |             |          |          |
| ▶ Woodwinds Health Campus                   | \$11,040    |             |          |          |
| Fairview Red Wing Medical Center            |             | \$11,100    | \$11,800 | \$12,800 |

### Maternity, Vaginal Delivery, Inpatient Service

Delivery of a baby through the mother's vaginal canal.

The facility cost information below does not include fees associated with newborn services. See page 15 for more information.

Procedure Codes: MS DRGs - 767, 775

| Provider                                    | Single Rate | Price Range |         |         |
|---|-------------|-------------|---------|---------|
|   |             | Low         | Median  | High    |
| MeritCare Hospital                          |             | \$2,400     | \$2,800 | \$3,700 |
| Innovis Health                              |             | \$2,400     | \$2,900 | \$3,300 |
| Memorial Medical Center                     |             | \$2,200     | \$3,400 | \$4,000 |
| Community Memorial Hospital                 |             | \$3,500     | \$3,500 | \$4,000 |
| St. Croix Medical Center                    |             | \$2,400     | \$3,500 | \$5,100 |
| Mercy Hospital - Moose Lake                 |             | \$3,000     | \$3,600 | \$4,200 |
| Fairview University Medical Center - Mesabi |             | \$3,000     | \$3,600 | \$3,900 |
| Regions Hospital                            |             | \$2,200     | \$3,800 | \$7,400 |
| Monticello Big Lake Community Hospital      |             | \$3,300     | \$3,900 | \$4,500 |
| ▶ Abbott Northwestern Hospital              | \$4,000     |             |         |         |
| ▶ Buffalo Hospital                          | \$4,000     |             |         |         |
| ▶ Cambridge Medical Center                  | \$4,000     |             |         |         |
| ▶ Mercy Hospital - Coon Rapids              | \$4,000     |             |         |         |
| ▶ New Ulm Medical Center                    | \$4,000     |             |         |         |
| ▶ Owatonna Hospital                         | \$4,000     |             |         |         |
| ▶ River Falls Area Hospital                 | \$4,000     |             |         |         |
| ▶ St. Francis Regional Medical Center       | \$4,000     |             |         |         |
| ▶ United Hospital                           | \$4,000     |             |         |         |
| ▶ Unity Hospital                            | \$4,000     |             |         |         |
| ▶ Park Nicollet Methodist Hospital          | \$4,100     |             |         |         |
| Virginia Regional Medical Center            |             | \$3,600     | \$4,200 | \$4,800 |
| Lakeview Hospital                           |             | \$3,600     | \$4,300 | \$5,000 |
| Hutchinson Community Hospital               |             | \$3,300     | \$4,400 | \$5,900 |
| ▶ Fairview Lakes Medical Center             | \$4,400     |             |         |         |
| ▶ Fairview Northland Medical Center         | \$4,400     |             |         |         |
| ▶ Fairview Ridges Hospital                  | \$4,400     |             |         |         |
| ▶ Fairview Southdale Hospital               | \$4,400     |             |         |         |
| ▶ University of Minnesota Medical Center    | \$4,400     |             |         |         |
| Regina Medical Center                       |             | \$3,700     | \$4,400 | \$5,600 |

### Maternity, Vaginal Delivery (continued)

| Provider                           | Single Rate | Price Range |         |         |
|------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|---------|---------|
|                                    |             | Low         | Median  | High    |
| ▶ HealthEast St. John's Hospital   | \$4,455     |             |         |         |
| ▶ HealthEast St. Joseph's Hospital | \$4,455     |             |         |         |
| ▶ Woodwinds Health Campus          | \$4,455     |             |         |         |
| ▶ North Memorial Medical Center    | \$4,500     |             |         |         |
| Fairview Red Wing Medical Center   |             | \$3,700     | \$4,600 | \$5,500 |
| Ridgeview Medical Center           |             | \$3,900     | \$4,700 | \$5,400 |
| Queen of Peace Hospital            |             | \$3,900     | \$5,200 | \$7,000 |
| St. Luke's Hospital                |             | \$3,900     | \$5,500 | \$7,000 |
| Glencoe Regional Health Services   |             | \$4,900     | \$6,300 | \$9,200 |

### Newborn Services, Inpatient Service

The fees associated with the hospital stay of a healthy newborn baby.

Procedure Code: MS DRG - 795

| Provider                                    | Single Rate | Price Range |         |         |
|---|-------------|-------------|---------|---------|
|   |             | Low         | Median  | High    |
| Innovis Health                              |             | \$600       | \$800   | \$900   |
| Memorial Medical Center                     |             | \$900       | \$900   | \$1,100 |
| Community Memorial Hospital                 |             | \$800       | \$1,000 | \$1,300 |
| Fairview University Medical Center - Mesabi |             | \$800       | \$1,000 | \$1,200 |
| Mercy Hospital - Moose Lake                 |             | \$800       | \$1,000 | \$1,200 |
| Virginia Regional Medical Center            |             | \$900       | \$1,000 | \$1,200 |
| St. Luke's Hospital                         |             | \$700       | \$1,000 | \$1,700 |
| Monticello Big Lake Community Hospital      |             | \$900       | \$1,100 | \$1,300 |
| ▶ Abbott Northwestern Hospital              | \$1,100     |             |         |         |
| ▶ Mercy Hospital - Coon Rapids              | \$1,100     |             |         |         |
| ▶ Park Nicollet Methodist Hospital          | \$1,100     |             |         |         |

### Newborn Services (continued)

| Provider                               | Single Rate | Price Range |         |         |
|--|-------------|-------------|---------|---------|
|  |             | Low         | Median  | High    |
| ▶ Buffalo Hospital                     | \$1,100     |             |         |         |
| ▶ Cambridge Medical Center             | \$1,100     |             |         |         |
| ▶ New Ulm Medical Center               | \$1,100     |             |         |         |
| ▶ Owatonna Hospital                    | \$1,100     |             |         |         |
| ▶ River Falls Area Hospital            | \$1,100     |             |         |         |
| ▶ St. Francis Regional Medical Center  | \$1,100     |             |         |         |
| ▶ United Hospital                      | \$1,100     |             |         |         |
| ▶ Unity Hospital                       | \$1,100     |             |         |         |
| Regions Hospital                       |             | \$600       | \$1,100 | \$2,000 |
| Lakeview Hospital                      |             | \$900       | \$1,200 | \$1,400 |
| Fairview Red Wing Medical Center       |             | \$1,200     | \$1,200 | \$1,500 |
| Regina Medical Center                  |             | \$1,000     | \$1,200 | \$1,500 |
| Ridgeview Medical Center               |             | \$1,000     | \$1,300 | \$1,500 |
| MeritCare Hospital                     |             | \$800       | \$1,300 | \$1,600 |
| St. Croix Medical Center               |             | \$700       | \$1,300 | \$1,700 |
| Queen of Peace Hospital                |             | \$900       | \$1,400 | \$1,900 |
| HealthEast St. John's Hospital         |             | \$1,100     | \$1,400 | \$1,700 |
| HealthEast St. Joseph's Hospital       |             | \$1,100     | \$1,400 | \$1,400 |
| Woodwinds Health Campus                |             | \$1,100     | \$1,400 | \$1,700 |
| Hutchinson Community Hospital          |             | \$1,300     | \$1,500 | \$2,100 |
| ▶ North Memorial Medical Center        | \$1,500     |             |         |         |
| University of Minnesota Medical Center |             | \$1,300     | \$1,600 | \$2,300 |
| Fairview Lakes Medical Center          |             | \$1,300     | \$1,600 | \$1,900 |
| Fairview Northland Medical Center      |             | \$1,100     | \$1,600 | \$1,900 |
| Fairview Ridges Hospital               |             | \$1,300     | \$1,600 | \$1,900 |
| Fairview Southdale Hospital            |             | \$1,100     | \$1,600 | \$2,300 |
| Glencoe Regional Health Services       |             | \$2,500     | \$2,700 | \$3,700 |

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Price range relative to other facilities:

|       |        |        |
|-------|--------|--------|
| Lower | Medium | Higher |
|-------|--------|--------|

## Spinal Fusion, Inpatient Service

A surgical technique used to combine two or more vertebrae, also known as spondylosyndesis. This procedure is used primarily to eliminate the pain caused by abnormal motion of specific vertebrae by immobilizing them.

Procedure Codes: MS DRGs - 460, 472, 473

| Provider                               | Single Rate | Price Range |          |          |
|--|-------------|-------------|----------|----------|
|  |             | Low         | Median   | High     |
| HealthEast St. John's Hospital         |             | \$15,400    | \$15,400 | \$28,200 |
| HealthEast St. Joseph's Hospital       |             | \$15,400    | \$15,400 | \$24,600 |
| Mercy Hospital - Coon Rapids           |             | \$16,400    | \$16,400 | \$26,300 |
| North Memorial Medical Center          |             | \$16,400    | \$16,400 | \$30,100 |
| Lakeview Hospital                      |             | \$12,700    | \$17,300 | \$23,200 |
| ▶ Park Nicollet Methodist Hospital     | \$17,500    |             |          |          |
| University of Minnesota Medical Center |             | \$17,200    | \$19,000 | \$31,400 |
| Abbott Northwestern Hospital           |             | \$16,400    | \$19,800 | \$37,800 |
| Unity Hospital                         |             | \$16,400    | \$22,500 | \$31,600 |
| Fairview Southdale Hospital            |             | \$14,600    | \$23,500 | \$27,800 |

## Tonsil and/or Adenoid Removal, Outpatient Service

A surgery to take out tonsils (tonsillectomy), adenoids (adenoidectomy) or both (adenotonsillectomy).

Procedure Codes: CPT Codes - 42820, 42821, 42825, 42826, 42830, 42831, 42835, 42836

| Provider                                 | Single Rate | Price Range |         |         |
|--|-------------|-------------|---------|---------|
|  |             | Low         | Median  | High    |
| Westhealth, Inc - Surgery Center         |             | \$1,050     | \$1,100 | \$1,200 |
| ▶ Children's Health Care - West          | \$1,150     |             |         |         |
| Pavilion Surgery Center                  |             | \$1,575     | \$1,625 | \$1,725 |
| ▶ Children's Hospital - Minneapolis      | \$1,790     |             |         |         |
| ▶ Children's Hospital - St. Paul         | \$1,790     |             |         |         |
| ▶ Fairview Lakes Medical Center          | \$1,800     |             |         |         |
| ▶ Fairview Maple Grove ASC               | \$1,800     |             |         |         |
| ▶ Fairview Northland Medical Center      | \$1,800     |             |         |         |
| ▶ Fairview Ridges Hospital               | \$1,800     |             |         |         |
| ▶ Fairview Southdale Hospital            | \$1,800     |             |         |         |
| ▶ University of Minnesota Medical Center | \$1,800     |             |         |         |
| ▶ Abbott Northwestern Hospital           | \$1,900     |             |         |         |
| ▶ Buffalo Hospital                       | \$1,900     |             |         |         |
| ▶ Cambridge Medical Center               | \$1,900     |             |         |         |
| ▶ HealthEast St. John's Hospital         | \$1,900     |             |         |         |
| ▶ HealthEast St. Joseph's Hospital       | \$1,900     |             |         |         |
| ▶ HealthEast Surgery Center              | \$1,900     |             |         |         |
| ▶ Mercy Hospital - Coon Rapids           | \$1,900     |             |         |         |
| ▶ New Ulm Medical Center                 | \$1,900     |             |         |         |
| ▶ Owatonna Hospital                      | \$1,900     |             |         |         |
| ▶ Park Nicollet Methodist Hospital       | \$1,900     |             |         |         |
| ▶ River Falls Area Hospital              | \$1,900     |             |         |         |
| ▶ St. Francis Regional Medical Center    | \$1,900     |             |         |         |
| ▶ United Hospital                        | \$1,900     |             |         |         |
| ▶ Unity Hospital                         | \$1,900     |             |         |         |
| MeritCare Hospital                       |             | \$1,725     | \$1,925 | \$2,025 |
| North Memorial Medical Center            |             | \$2,000     | \$2,050 | \$2,150 |
| St. Cloud Outpatient Surgery, Ltd        |             | \$1,825     | \$2,300 | \$3,075 |
| Ridgeview Medical Center                 |             | \$2,450     | \$2,825 | \$3,275 |
| Rice County District One Hospital        |             | \$1,825     | \$3,150 | \$4,175 |

## Upper Endoscopy, Outpatient Service

An upper endoscopy, often referred to as an upper gastrointestinal (GI) endoscopy or esophagogastroduodenoscopy (EGD), allows the doctor to examine the lining of the gastrointestinal tract, including the esophagus, stomach and duodenum (the first part of the small intestine) through a flexible scope.

Procedure Codes: CPT Codes - 43234 - 43239, 91110

| Provider                                 | Single Rate | Price Range |        |         |
|--|-------------|-------------|--------|---------|
|  |             | Low         | Median | High    |
| Dakota Clinic Day Surgery At Innovis     |             | \$400       | \$425  | \$450   |
| Westhealth, Inc - Surgery Center         |             | \$400       | \$425  | \$450   |
| Stevens Community Medical Center         |             | \$325       | \$475  | \$1,825 |
| MNGI Endoscopy ASC, Inc                  |             | \$450       | \$475  | \$500   |
| Memorial Medical Center                  |             | \$450       | \$475  | \$500   |
| Mercy Hospital - Moose Lake              |             | \$450       | \$475  | \$500   |
| Monticello Big Lake Community Hospital   |             | \$500       | \$525  | \$550   |
| Riverside Endoscopy Center               |             | \$550       | \$575  | \$600   |
| Children's Health Care - West            |             | \$550       | \$575  | \$1,175 |
| Lakewalk Surgery Center                  |             | \$575       | \$600  | \$625   |
| Pavilion Surgery Center                  |             | \$575       | \$600  | \$625   |
| Regions Hospital                         |             | \$550       | \$675  | \$1,350 |
| MeritCare Hospital                       |             | \$700       | \$725  | \$750   |
| Hennepin County Medical Center           |             | \$450       | \$750  | \$2,600 |
| Fairview Red Wing Medical Center         |             | \$725       | \$750  | \$775   |
| ▶ Fairview Lakes Medical Center          | \$750       |             |        |         |
| ▶ Fairview Maple Grove ASC               | \$750       |             |        |         |
| ▶ Fairview Northland Medical Center      | \$750       |             |        |         |
| ▶ Fairview Ridges Hospital               | \$750       |             |        |         |
| ▶ Fairview Southdale Hospital            | \$750       |             |        |         |
| ▶ Park Nicollet Methodist Hospital       | \$750       |             |        |         |
| ▶ University of Minnesota Medical Center | \$750       |             |        |         |

## Upper Endoscopy (continued)

| Provider                               | Single Rate | Price Range |         |         |
|--|-------------|-------------|---------|---------|
|  |             | Low         | Median  | High    |
| North Memorial Medical Center          |             | \$750       | \$775   | \$800   |
| HealthPartners Same Day Surgery Center |             | \$650       | \$825   | \$1,600 |
| St. Cloud Outpatient Surgery, Ltd      |             | \$800       | \$850   | \$2,150 |
| Abbott Northwestern Hospital           |             | \$875       | \$900   | \$925   |
| Buffalo Hospital                       |             | \$875       | \$900   | \$925   |
| Cambridge Medical Center               |             | \$875       | \$900   | \$925   |
| Mercy Hospital - Coon Rapids           |             | \$875       | \$900   | \$925   |
| New Ulm Medical Center                 |             | \$875       | \$900   | \$925   |
| Owatonna Hospital                      |             | \$875       | \$900   | \$925   |
| River Falls Area Hospital              |             | \$875       | \$900   | \$925   |
| St. Francis Regional Medical Center    |             | \$875       | \$900   | \$925   |
| United Hospital                        |             | \$875       | \$900   | \$925   |
| Unity Hospital                         |             | \$875       | \$900   | \$925   |
| Baldwin Area Medical Center            |             | \$875       | \$1,000 | \$1,850 |
| Westfields Hospital                    |             | \$1,000     | \$1,125 | \$2,450 |
| Ridgeview Medical Center               |             | \$975       | \$1,150 | \$1,350 |
| Hudson Hospital                        |             | \$1,025     | \$1,150 | \$2,350 |
| ▶ HealthEast St. John's Hospital       | \$1,200     |             |         |         |
| ▶ HealthEast St. Joseph's Hospital     | \$1,200     |             |         |         |
| ▶ HealthEast Surgery Center            | \$1,200     |             |         |         |
| Regina Medical Center                  |             | \$1,000     | \$1,250 | \$1,725 |
| Center For Outpatient Surgery          |             | \$1,075     | \$1,275 | \$1,300 |
| St. Luke's Hospital                    |             | \$1,225     | \$1,450 | \$2,600 |
| St. Cloud Hospital                     |             | \$825       | \$1,575 | \$2,025 |
| Hutchinson Community Hospital          |             | \$1,325     | \$1,625 | \$2,425 |

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Price range relative to other facilities:

|       |        |        |
|-------|--------|--------|
| Lower | Medium | Higher |
|-------|--------|--------|

## Weight Loss Surgery, for Obesity, Inpatient Service

Surgeries or procedures, such as bariatric surgery, gastric banding and bypass surgery, that assist with weight loss by limiting the amount of food a person can take in.

Procedure Codes: MS DRGs - 620, 621

| Provider                                 | Single Rate | Price Range |          |          |
|--|-------------|-------------|----------|----------|
|  |             | Low         | Median   | High     |
| MeritCare Hospital                       |             | \$8,800     | \$12,900 | \$14,100 |
| ▶ Abbott Northwestern Hospital           | \$14,000    |             |          |          |
| ▶ United Hospital                        | \$14,000    |             |          |          |
| ▶ Unity Hospital                         | \$14,000    |             |          |          |
| HealthEast St. Joseph's Hospital         |             | \$14,400    | \$14,400 | \$26,700 |
| ▶ Park Nicollet Methodist Hospital       | \$16,000    |             |          |          |
| ▶ Fairview Southdale Hospital            | \$18,600    |             |          |          |
| ▶ University of Minnesota Medical Center | \$18,600    |             |          |          |

- ▶ Single rate denotes a pricing commitment submitted by a provider and offers a more precise estimate of what the procedure is likely to cost.

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Price range relative to other facilities:

|       |        |        |
|-------|--------|--------|
| Lower | Medium | Higher |
|-------|--------|--------|

## LABORATORY SERVICES

Laboratory services are medical tests that assist physicians in diagnosing a condition or checking how your care is progressing. This section of the catalog looks at routine laboratory services that are used to analyze body fluids such as blood and urine.

### Questions to Ask

If your physician has ordered a medical test, you'll want to make sure the test is appropriate and the results are accurate. Here are some questions to ask.

**Why is this test being done?** Talk to your physician about how this test applies to your medical condition. What will it detect? Will it need to be repeated and if so, how often?

**Is there any preparation I need to do prior to having the test?** Find out if you need to avoid any food or liquids before the test. Check if there are any medications you should or should not take before the test is performed. Ask if the test should be performed at a certain time of day.

**Can I have a copy of the test order?** To help ensure that you receive the right test, ask your physician to provide you with a copy of the test order. When you go to have the test done, be sure to ask the health care professional to explain what type of test they are doing.

**When can I expect the test results?** Ask the health care staff when the test results will be ready. Find out how they will notify your physician about the results. If you don't receive your test results in the expected amount of time, be sure to follow-up with your physician.

**Where can I have the test done?** If you are admitted to the hospital, laboratory tests will likely be performed as part of your care. Other times, your physician may order a test that can be completed at a site of your choosing. In most cases, your clinic or a stand-alone lab facility that only provides lab services, such as Quest Diagnostics or Labcorp, can meet your needs.

**How much does it cost?** Prices can vary by procedure and facility. Generally, laboratory services performed in a hospital setting are more expensive than in other settings such as your primary care clinic or a stand-alone lab facility such as Quest Diagnostic or Labcorp. Talk to your physician about cost. You can also compare prices for a variety of services on the following pages.

### About the Pricing Information

The pricing information for laboratory services is based on contract rates for Patient Choice Insights. Pricing does not include applicable specimen handling or blood drawing fees which can range anywhere from \$6 to \$12 depending on the type of services performed and the site at which it is performed.

#### Single Rates

We asked network hospitals and other facilities to submit a pricing commitment or "single rate" for each service; however, not all facilities chose to participate. These single rates give you a more precise estimate of what the service will actually cost. Facilities with single rates are highlighted with a (▶).

#### Price Median

For facilities that did not submit a single rate, we calculated an estimated median (or middle) price. These were determined by:

- taking a typical set of previously submitted claims for the facility;
- adjusting for expected changes in 2008;
- applying the current Patient Choice Insights contract rates and;
- identifying the median (or middle) price.

While network facilities have contract rates in place for the services they provide, only those with a significant number of claims for a particular procedure are included.

#### Low, Medium and High Price Ranges

To show you how facility pricing compares to one another, low, medium and high price ranges are highlighted for each procedure. These were determined by ranking the facilities by their single rate, if provided, or their median (middle) contracted rate, and then grouping them by the natural breaks in the pricing.

These groupings are meant to serve as a general guideline and do not take into account a facility's tier assignment or your plan benefits. The chart on page 2 shows how this information can affect your out-of-pocket cost.

## Complete Blood Count (CBC)

A panel of tests that gives important information about the kinds and numbers of cells in the blood. It is used as a broad screening test to check for such disorders as anemia, infection and many other diseases.

Procedure Code: CPT Code - 85025

|                                  |                   |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Stand-alone Lab Price Range:     | \$10.75 - \$12.50 |
| Primary Care Clinic Price Range: | \$14.50 - \$22.00 |

| Provider                                    | Single Rate | Estimated Median Price |
|---|-------------|------------------------|
| ▶ Park Nicollet Methodist Hospital          | \$11.00     |                        |
| MeritCare Hospital                          |             | \$21.75                |
| Abbott Northwestern Hospital                |             | \$23.25                |
| Burnett Medical Center                      |             | \$30.00                |
| Innovis Health                              |             | \$41.00                |
| Memorial Medical Center                     |             | \$41.75                |
| Community Memorial Hospital                 |             | \$43.75                |
| Hennepin County Medical Center              |             | \$43.75                |
| Hayward Area Memorial Hospital              |             | \$46.00                |
| Eleah Medical Center                        |             | \$49.50                |
| Baldwin Area Medical Center                 |             | \$49.75                |
| Fairview University Medical Center - Mesabi |             | \$51.75                |
| St. Cloud Hospital                          |             | \$55.00                |
| Westfields Hospital                         |             | \$55.50                |
| Lakeview Hospital                           |             | \$56.50                |
| St. Luke's Hospital                         |             | \$59.75                |
| Monticello Big Lake Community Hospital      |             | \$64.25                |
| Regions Hospital                            |             | \$66.50                |
| Melrose Area Hospital                       |             | \$71.25                |
| St. Croix Regional Medical Center           |             | \$71.25                |
| Chippewa County Montevideo Hospital         |             | \$73.50                |
| Mercy Hospital - Moose Lake                 |             | \$74.00                |
| Fairview Northland Medical Center           |             | \$75.00                |
| Fairview Ridges Hospital                    |             | \$75.00                |
| Fairview Southdale Hospital                 |             | \$75.00                |

| Provider                               | Single Rate | Estimated Median Price |
|--|-------------|------------------------|
| University of Minnesota Medical Center |             | \$75.00                |
| Hudson Hospital                        |             | \$79.25                |
| Fairview Lakes Medical Center          |             | \$80.00                |
| North Memorial Medical Center          |             | \$80.50                |
| Buffalo Hospital                       |             | \$83.00                |
| New Ulm Medical Center                 |             | \$83.00                |
| Cambridge Medical Center               |             | \$83.50                |
| Children's Hospital - Minneapolis      |             | \$83.75                |
| Children's Hospital - St. Paul         |             | \$83.75                |
| St. Francis Regional Medical Center    |             | \$85.00                |
| Ridgeview Medical Center               |             | \$86.00                |
| Stevens Community Medical Center       |             | \$87.25                |
| Wheaton Community Hospital             |             | \$89.25                |
| HealthEast St. John's Hospital         |             | \$95.00                |
| HealthEast St. Joseph's Hospital       |             | \$95.00                |
| Woodwinds Health Campus                |             | \$95.00                |
| Paynesville Area Hospital              |             | \$97.75                |
| Rice County District One Hospital      |             | \$121.25               |
| United Hospital                        |             | \$123.25               |
| Unity Hospital                         |             | \$123.25               |
| Mercy Hospital - Coon Rapids           |             | \$123.25               |
| Gillette Children's Hospital           |             | \$123.75               |
| Regina Medical Center                  |             | \$129.75               |
| Northfield Hospital                    |             | \$145.50               |
| Hutchinson Community Hospital          |             | \$149.00               |

## Creatinine Level - Blood

A test to measure the level of creatinine in your blood. Creatinine has been found to be a fairly reliable indicator of kidney function. As the kidneys become impaired the creatinine level in the blood will rise.

Procedure Codes: CPT Code - 82565

|                                  |                   |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Stand-alone Lab Price Range:     | \$5.75 - \$7.25   |
| Primary Care Clinic Price Range: | \$10.00 - \$14.50 |

| Provider                                    | Single Rate | Estimated Median Price |
|---|-------------|------------------------|
| ▶ Park Nicollet Methodist Hospital          | \$7.00      |                        |
| MeritCare Hospital                          |             | \$6.75                 |
| Fairview Lakes Medical Center               |             | \$11.00                |
| Fairview Ridges Hospital                    |             | \$11.00                |
| University of Minnesota Medical Center      |             | \$11.00                |
| Hennepin County Medical Center              |             | \$11.75                |
| Abbott Northwestern Hospital                |             | \$13.00                |
| Monticello Big Lake Community Hospital      |             | \$14.50                |
| Regions Hospital                            |             | \$14.50                |
| Fairview Northland Medical Center           |             | \$17.00                |
| Fairview Southdale Hospital                 |             | \$17.00                |
| Fairview University Medical Center - Mesabi |             | \$21.00                |
| Buffalo Hospital                            |             | \$21.75                |
| New Ulm Medical Center                      |             | \$21.75                |
| River Falls Area Hospital                   |             | \$21.75                |
| Cambridge Medical Center                    |             | \$21.75                |
| St. Francis Regional Medical Center         |             | \$22.25                |
| St. Luke's Hospital                         |             | \$25.25                |
| Queen of Peace Hospital                     |             | \$25.25                |
| Lakeview Hospital                           |             | \$25.50                |
| Melrose Area Hospital                       |             | \$25.75                |
| Mercy Hospital - Coon Rapids                |             | \$26.25                |

| Provider                            | Single Rate | Estimated Median Price |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|------------------------|
| United Hospital                     |             | \$26.25                |
| Unity Hospital                      |             | \$26.25                |
| Mercy Hospital - Moose Lake         |             | \$28.00                |
| Memorial Medical Center             |             | \$28.25                |
| St. Cloud Hospital                  |             | \$29.00                |
| Gillette Children's Hospital        |             | \$29.25                |
| Hudson Hospital                     |             | \$30.00                |
| St. Croix Regional Medical Center   |             | \$33.50                |
| Baldwin Area Medical Center         |             | \$34.75                |
| Glacial Ridge Hospital              |             | \$39.25                |
| North Memorial Medical Center       |             | \$40.50                |
| Chippewa County Montevideo Hospital |             | \$41.25                |
| Stevens Community Medical Center    |             | \$41.25                |
| Paynesville Area Hospital           |             | \$43.25                |
| Ridgeview Medical Center            |             | \$43.50                |
| Children's Hospital - St. Paul      |             | \$45.00                |
| Woodwinds Health Campus             |             | \$45.75                |
| HealthEast St. John's Hospital      |             | \$47.00                |
| HealthEast St. Joseph's Hospital    |             | \$47.00                |
| Children's Hospital - Minneapolis   |             | \$50.00                |
| Hutchinson Community Hospital       |             | \$51.00                |
| Northfield Hospital                 |             | \$75.00                |

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Price range relative to other facilities:

|       |        |        |
|-------|--------|--------|
| Lower | Medium | Higher |
|-------|--------|--------|

## Glucose Test

A test to measure the amount of sugar (glucose) in the blood.

Procedure Code: CPT Code - 82947

| Stand-alone Lab Price Range:           |             | \$5.50 - \$6.00        |  |
|--|-------------|------------------------|--|
| Primary Care Clinic Price Range:       |             | \$7.00 - \$10.50       |  |
| Provider                               | Single Rate | Estimated Median Price |  |
| MeritCare Hospital                     |             | \$5.00                 |  |
| ▶ Park Nicollet Methodist Hospital     | \$6.00      |                        |  |
| Fairview Lakes Medical Center          |             | \$11.00                |  |
| Hennepin County Medical Center         |             | \$11.75                |  |
| Fairview Northland Medical Center      |             | \$13.25                |  |
| Fairview Ridges Hospital               |             | \$13.25                |  |
| Fairview Southdale Hospital            |             | \$13.25                |  |
| University of Minnesota Medical Center |             | \$13.25                |  |
| New Ulm Medical Center                 |             | \$17.75                |  |
| Queen of Peace Hospital                |             | \$20.50                |  |
| Children's Hospital - Minneapolis      |             | \$21.50                |  |
| Cambridge Medical Center               |             | \$21.75                |  |
| St. Luke's Hospital                    |             | \$25.25                |  |
| Children's Hospital - St. Paul         |             | \$26.25                |  |
| Abbott Northwestern Hospital           |             | \$26.25                |  |
| Mercy Hospital - Coon Rapids           |             | \$26.25                |  |
| United Hospital                        |             | \$26.25                |  |
| St. Cloud Hospital                     |             | \$27.75                |  |
| Eleah Medical Center                   |             | \$33.25                |  |
| North Memorial Medical Center          |             | \$40.50                |  |
| Ridgeview Medical Center               |             | \$40.75                |  |
| HealthEast St. John's Hospital         |             | \$47.00                |  |
| HealthEast St. Joseph's Hospital       |             | \$47.00                |  |
| Glacial Ridge Hospital                 |             | \$47.50                |  |
| Stevens Community Medical Center       |             | \$49.75                |  |
| Hutchinson Community Hospital          |             | \$51.00                |  |

## Hemoglobin A1c Blood Test

A blood test used primarily to monitor the glucose (sugar) control of a patient with diabetes, over time. The A1c test gives a picture of the average amount of glucose in the blood over the last few months.

Procedure Code: CPT Code - 83036

| Stand-alone Lab Price Range:           |             | \$13.25 - \$21.25      |  |
|--|-------------|------------------------|--|
| Primary Care Clinic Price Range:       |             | \$18.00 - \$27.00      |  |
| Provider                               | Single Rate | Estimated Median Price |  |
| ▶ Park Nicollet Methodist Hospital     | \$13.00     |                        |  |
| HealthEast St. John's Hospital         |             | \$27.25                |  |
| HealthEast St. Joseph's Hospital       |             | \$27.25                |  |
| Monticello Big Lake Community Hospital |             | \$28.00                |  |
| Ridgeview Medical Center               |             | \$33.50                |  |
| University of Minnesota Medical Center |             | \$33.75                |  |
| New Ulm Medical Center                 |             | \$34.50                |  |
| Baldwin Area Medical Center            |             | \$37.25                |  |
| North Memorial Medical Center          |             | \$39.00                |  |
| Children's Hospital - Minneapolis      |             | \$41.00                |  |
| Children's Hospital - St. Paul         |             | \$41.00                |  |
| Fairview Ridges Hospital               |             | \$41.00                |  |
| Fairview Southdale Hospital            |             | \$41.00                |  |
| Cambridge Medical Center               |             | \$42.50                |  |
| Fairview Lakes Medical Center          |             | \$43.00                |  |
| Fairview Northland Medical Center      |             | \$43.00                |  |
| Fairview Red Wing Medical Center       |             | \$44.75                |  |
| Stevens Community Medical Center       |             | \$49.75                |  |
| Hennepin County Medical Center         |             | \$52.50                |  |
| St. Luke's Hospital                    |             | \$54.75                |  |
| Abbott Northwestern Hospital           |             | \$73.50                |  |
| Mercy Hospital - Coon Rapids           |             | \$73.50                |  |
| United Hospital                        |             | \$73.50                |  |
| Eleah Medical Center                   |             | \$80.00                |  |

## Hemoglobin - Blood Count

A test to measure the blood's ability to carry oxygen throughout the body.

Procedure Code: CPT Code - 85018

| Stand-alone Lab Price Range:           | \$5.10 - \$13.50  |                        |
|--|-------------------|------------------------|
| Primary Care Clinic Price Range:       | \$18.00 - \$27.00 |                        |
| Provider                               | Single Rate       | Estimated Median Price |
| ▶ Park Nicollet Methodist Hospital     | \$3.00            |                        |
| Hennepin County Medical Center         |                   | \$10.00                |
| Ridgeview Medical Center               |                   | \$13.25                |
| North Memorial Medical Center          |                   | \$13.50                |
| Monticello Big Lake Community Hospital |                   | \$14.50                |
| Regions Hospital                       |                   | \$15.25                |
| New Ulm Medical Center                 |                   | \$15.50                |
| St. Cloud Hospital                     |                   | \$17.00                |
| Lakeview Hospital                      |                   | \$18.00                |
| Buffalo Hospital                       |                   | \$19.00                |
| Cambridge Medical Center               |                   | \$19.25                |
| St. Francis Regional Medical Center    |                   | \$19.50                |
| River Falls Area Hospital              |                   | \$20.00                |
| Fairview Northland Medical Center      |                   | \$20.00                |
| University of Minnesota Medical Center |                   | \$20.00                |
| St. Luke's Hospital                    |                   | \$20.50                |
| Fairview Lakes Medical Center          |                   | \$21.00                |
| Fairview Ridges Hospital               |                   | \$21.00                |

| Provider                            | Single Rate | Estimated Median Price |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|------------------------|
| Fairview Southdale Hospital         |             | \$21.00                |
| Woodwinds Health Campus             |             | \$23.00                |
| HealthEast St. John's Hospital      |             | \$23.50                |
| HealthEast St. Joseph's Hospital    |             | \$23.50                |
| Eleah Medical Center                |             | \$24.25                |
| Children's Hospital - St. Paul      |             | \$25.00                |
| Stevens Community Medical Center    |             | \$26.25                |
| Children's Hospital - Minneapolis   |             | \$27.50                |
| Westfields Hospital                 |             | \$28.00                |
| Abbott Northwestern Hospital        |             | \$29.50                |
| Mercy Hospital - Coon Rapids        |             | \$29.50                |
| United Hospital                     |             | \$29.50                |
| Unity Hospital                      |             | \$29.50                |
| Hutchinson Community Hospital       |             | \$30.75                |
| Chippewa County Montevideo Hospital |             | \$33.75                |
| Paynesville Area Hospital           |             | \$35.75                |
| Mercy Hospital - Moose Lake         |             | \$36.25                |

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Price range relative to other facilities:

|       |        |        |
|-------|--------|--------|
| Lower | Medium | Higher |
|-------|--------|--------|

## Lipid Panel

A blood test that measures lipids-fats and fatty substances used as a source of energy in your body. Lipids include cholesterol, triglycerides, high-density lipoprotein (HDL) and low-density lipoprotein (LDL).

Procedure Code: CPT Code - 80061

|                                  |                   |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Stand-alone Lab Price Range:     | \$10.75 - \$29.00 |
| Primary Care Clinic Price Range: | \$30.25 - \$58.50 |

| Provider                               | Single Rate | Estimated Median Price |
|--|-------------|------------------------|
| ▶ Park Nicollet Methodist Hospital     | \$28.00     |                        |
| Fairview Northland Medical Center      |             | \$52.50                |
| Fairview Red Wing Medical Center       |             | \$54.75                |
| Fairview Lakes Medical Center          |             | \$55.25                |
| Fairview Ridges Hospital               |             | \$55.25                |
| Fairview Southdale Hospital            |             | \$55.25                |
| University of Minnesota Medical Center |             | \$55.25                |
| Buffalo Hospital                       |             | \$56.75                |
| Cambridge Medical Center               |             | \$56.75                |
| New Ulm Medical Center                 |             | \$56.75                |
| St. Francis Regional Medical Center    |             | \$58.25                |
| Abbott Northwestern Hospital           |             | \$58.25                |
| North Memorial Medical Center          |             | \$59.00                |
| Hudson Hospital                        |             | \$66.50                |
| Baldwin Area Medical Center            |             | \$69.75                |
| Children's Hospital - St. Paul         |             | \$74.50                |
| Children's Hospital - Minneapolis      |             | \$74.75                |

| Provider                               | Single Rate | Estimated Median Price |
|--|-------------|------------------------|
| Hennepin County Medical Center         |             | \$79.50                |
| Ridgeview Medical Center               |             | \$82.75                |
| Monticello Big Lake Community Hospital |             | \$83.25                |
| St. Croix Regional Medical Center      |             | \$83.50                |
| Regions Hospital                       |             | \$86.25                |
| Mercy Hospital - Coon Rapids           |             | \$101.50               |
| United Hospital                        |             | \$101.50               |
| Unity Hospital                         |             | \$101.50               |
| Wheaton Community Hospital             |             | \$102.00               |
| Stevens Community Medical Center       |             | \$106.75               |
| Eleah Medical Center                   |             | \$108.25               |
| HealthEast St. John's Hospital         |             | \$112.75               |
| HealthEast St. Joseph's Hospital       |             | \$112.75               |
| St. Cloud Hospital                     |             | \$116.25               |
| St. Luke's Hospital                    |             | \$137.00               |
| Paynesville Area Hospital              |             | \$145.00               |
| Hutchinson Community Hospital          |             | \$166.75               |

## Prothrombin (PT)

A blood test that measures how long it takes blood to clot.

Procedure Code: CPT Code - 85610

| Stand-alone Lab Price Range:           | \$5.25 - \$11.25 |                        |
|--|------------------|------------------------|
| Primary Care Clinic Price Range:       | \$7.00 - \$10.50 |                        |
| Provider                               | Single Rate      | Estimated Median Price |
| ▶ Park Nicollet Methodist Hospital     | \$6.00           |                        |
| Abbott Northwestern Hospital           |                  | \$12.00                |
| MeritCare Hospital                     |                  | \$15.00                |
| Baldwin Area Medical Center            |                  | \$15.50                |
| Memorial Medical Center                |                  | \$18.00                |
| Hayward Area Memorial Hospital         |                  | \$25.25                |
| New Ulm Medical Center                 |                  | \$26.50                |
| Hudson Hospital                        |                  | \$28.25                |
| Lakeview Hospital                      |                  | \$28.50                |
| Regions Hospital                       |                  | \$29.50                |
| Ridgeview Medical Center               |                  | \$29.50                |
| North Memorial Medical Center          |                  | \$30.00                |
| Woodwinds Health Campus                |                  | \$30.00                |
| Monticello Big Lake Community Hospital |                  | \$30.75                |
| HealthEast St. John's Hospital         |                  | \$31.00                |
| HealthEast St. Joseph's Hospital       |                  | \$31.00                |
| Buffalo Hospital                       |                  | \$31.00                |
| Cambridge Medical Center               |                  | \$31.00                |
| Fairview Red Wing Medical Center       |                  | \$31.50                |
| St. Francis Regional Medical Center    |                  | \$31.50                |
| St. Luke's Hospital                    |                  | \$32.50                |
| Fairview Northland Medical Center      |                  | \$33.25                |

| Provider                                    | Single Rate | Estimated Median Price |
|---|-------------|------------------------|
| Fairview Ridges Hospital                    |             | \$33.25                |
| Fairview Southdale Hospital                 |             | \$33.25                |
| University of Minnesota Medical Center      |             | \$33.25                |
| St. Croix Regional Medical Center           |             | \$34.25                |
| Mercy Hospital - Moose Lake                 |             | \$35.25                |
| St. Cloud Hospital                          |             | \$35.50                |
| Fairview University Medical Center - Mesabi |             | \$35.75                |
| Westfields Hospital                         |             | \$35.75                |
| Melrose Area Hospital                       |             | \$36.25                |
| Fairview Lakes Medical Center               |             | \$36.25                |
| Stevens Community Medical Center            |             | \$38.00                |
| Eleah Medical Center                        |             | \$39.25                |
| Hennepin County Medical Center              |             | \$40.00                |
| Northfield Hospital                         |             | \$43.50                |
| Unity Hospital                              |             | \$46.00                |
| Mercy Hospital - Coon Rapids                |             | \$46.00                |
| United Hospital                             |             | \$46.00                |
| Paynesville Area Hospital                   |             | \$55.25                |
| Children's Hospital - St. Paul              |             | \$58.50                |
| Hutchinson Community Hospital               |             | \$59.75                |
| Children's Hospital - Minneapolis           |             | \$64.00                |

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Price range relative to other facilities:

|       |        |        |
|-------|--------|--------|
| Lower | Medium | Higher |
|-------|--------|--------|

## Streptococcus, Group A

This test is used to determine whether a patient has pharyngitis (sore throat) that is due to a group A streptococcal infection.

Procedure Code: CPT Code - 87880

| Primary Care Clinic Price Range:   |             | \$5.25 - \$33.00       |  |
|------------------------------------|-------------|------------------------|--|
| Provider                           | Single Rate | Estimated Median Price |  |
| ▶ Park Nicollet Methodist Hospital | \$16.00     |                        |  |
| Abbott Northwestern Hospital       |             | \$23.75                |  |
| Innovis Health                     |             | \$28.00                |  |
| New Ulm Medical Center             |             | \$29.25                |  |
| Stevens Community Medical Center   |             | \$29.50                |  |
| Hennepin County Medical Center     |             | \$32.00                |  |
| Mercy Hospital - Moose Lake        |             | \$32.50                |  |
| Cambridge Medical Center           |             | \$36.25                |  |
| Mercy Hospital - Coon Rapids       |             | \$37.75                |  |
| Westfields Hospital                |             | \$42.25                |  |
| Eleah Medical Center               |             | \$43.75                |  |

## Thyroid-stimulating Hormone (TSH)

A blood test used to check for problems with the thyroid gland.

Procedure Code: CPT Codes - 84443

| Stand-alone Lab Price Range:           |             | \$18.00 - \$23.50      |  |
|--|-------------|------------------------|--|
| Primary Care Clinic Price Range:       |             | \$15.75 - \$45.50      |  |
| Provider                               | Single Rate | Estimated Median Price |  |
| ▶ Park Nicollet Methodist Hospital     | \$23.00     |                        |  |
| Abbott Northwestern Hospital           |             | \$20.00                |  |
| North Memorial Medical Center          |             | \$32.50                |  |
| Monticello Big Lake Community Hospital |             | \$49.25                |  |

## Thyroid-stimulating Hormone (TSH) (continued)

| Provider                                    | Single Rate | Estimated Median Price |
|---|-------------|------------------------|
| Fairview Lakes Medical Center               |             | \$53.00                |
| Fairview Northland Medical Center           |             | \$55.25                |
| Fairview Ridges Hospital                    |             | \$55.25                |
| Fairview Southdale Hospital                 |             | \$55.25                |
| University of Minnesota Medical Center      |             | \$55.25                |
| Cambridge Medical Center                    |             | \$59.50                |
| New Ulm Medical Center                      |             | \$59.50                |
| Buffalo Hospital                            |             | \$59.75                |
| Fairview University Medical Center - Mesabi |             | \$60.00                |
| St. Francis Regional Medical Center         |             | \$61.00                |
| Regions Hospital                            |             | \$66.75                |
| St. Luke's Hospital                         |             | \$69.00                |
| HealthEast St. John's Hospital              |             | \$71.75                |
| HealthEast St. Joseph's Hospital            |             | \$71.75                |
| Baldwin Area Medical Center                 |             | \$75.50                |
| Hudson Hospital                             |             | \$79.25                |
| Lakeview Hospital                           |             | \$82.75                |
| Children's Hospital - St. Paul              |             | \$84.50                |
| Hennepin County Medical Center              |             | \$86.25                |
| Children's Hospital - Minneapolis           |             | \$92.25                |
| Melrose Area Hospital                       |             | \$92.25                |
| Stevens Community Medical Center            |             | \$96.00                |
| Ridgeview Medical Center                    |             | \$103.75               |
| Wheaton Community Hospital                  |             | \$104.00               |
| St. Cloud Hospital                          |             | \$107.75               |
| Hutchinson Community Hospital               |             | \$114.00               |
| Mercy Hospital - Coon Rapids                |             | \$114.75               |
| Unity Hospital                              |             | \$114.75               |
| United Hospital                             |             | \$115.00               |
| Gillette Children's Hospital                |             | \$118.25               |
| Eleah Medical Center                        |             | \$135.50               |

## Transferase - Alanine Amino (ALT)

A test to measure the amount of this enzyme in the blood. ALT is measured to see if the liver is diseased or damaged.

Procedure Code: CPT Code - 84450

| Stand-alone Lab Price Range:           | \$5.00 - \$7.50   |                        |
|--|-------------------|------------------------|
| Primary Care Clinic Price Range:       | \$10.50 - \$15.00 |                        |
| Provider                               | Single Rate       | Estimated Median Price |
| Abbott Northwestern Hospital           |                   | \$6.00                 |
| ▶ Park Nicollet Methodist Hospital     | \$7.00            |                        |
| Fairview Ridges Hospital               |                   | \$11.00                |
| Fairview Southdale Hospital            |                   | \$11.00                |
| University of Minnesota Medical Center |                   | \$11.00                |
| Regions Hospital                       |                   | \$11.00                |
| Hennepin County Medical Center         |                   | \$11.75                |
| Monticello Big Lake Community Hospital |                   | \$17.25                |
| Fairview Lakes Medical Center          |                   | \$17.50                |
| Fairview Northland Medical Center      |                   | \$17.50                |
| MeritCare Hospital                     |                   | \$18.00                |
| Gillette Children's Hospital           |                   | \$19.75                |
| New Ulm Medical Center                 |                   | \$21.00                |
| Fairview Red Wing Medical Center       |                   | \$22.75                |
| St. Luke's Hospital                    |                   | \$25.25                |
| Lakeview Hospital                      |                   | \$25.50                |
| Melrose Area Hospital                  |                   | \$25.75                |
| Buffalo Hospital                       |                   | \$26.00                |

| Provider                            | Single Rate | Estimated Median Price |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|------------------------|
| Cambridge Medical Center            |             | \$26.00                |
| Baldwin Area Medical Center         |             | \$26.25                |
| St. Francis Regional Medical Center |             | \$26.50                |
| St. Cloud Hospital                  |             | \$28.50                |
| Mercy Hospital - Coon Rapids        |             | \$29.25                |
| United Hospital                     |             | \$29.25                |
| Unity Hospital                      |             | \$29.25                |
| Stevens Community Medical Center    |             | \$38.00                |
| North Memorial Medical Center       |             | \$40.50                |
| Ridgeview Medical Center            |             | \$45.50                |
| Woodwinds Health Campus             |             | \$45.75                |
| HealthEast St. John's Hospital      |             | \$47.00                |
| HealthEast St. Joseph's Hospital    |             | \$47.00                |
| Hutchinson Community Hospital       |             | \$51.50                |
| Children's Hospital - Minneapolis   |             | \$56.25                |
| Rice County District One Hospital   |             | \$62.00                |
| Children's Hospital - St. Paul      |             | \$64.00                |
| Hudson Hospital                     |             | \$73.50                |

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Price range relative to other facilities:

|       |        |        |
|-------|--------|--------|
| Lower | Medium | Higher |
|-------|--------|--------|

## Transferase - Aspartate Amino (AST)

A test to measure the amount of this enzyme in the blood. AST is measured to see if the liver is diseased or damaged.

Procedure Code: CPT Code - 84460

| Stand-alone Lab Price Range:           | \$4.75 - \$7.25  |                        |
|--|------------------|------------------------|
| Primary Care Clinic Price Range:       | \$9.50 - \$14.50 |                        |
| Provider                               | Single Rate      | Estimated Median Price |
| Abbott Northwestern Hospital           |                  | \$6.00                 |
| MeritCare Hospital                     |                  | \$6.75                 |
| ▶ Park Nicollet Methodist Hospital     | \$7.00           |                        |
| Fairview Lakes Medical Center          |                  | \$11.00                |
| Fairview Ridges Hospital               |                  | \$11.00                |
| Fairview Southdale Hospital            |                  | \$11.00                |
| University of Minnesota Medical Center |                  | \$11.00                |
| Regions Hospital                       |                  | \$11.00                |
| Hennepin County Medical Center         |                  | \$11.75                |
| Monticello Big Lake Community Hospital |                  | \$14.50                |
| Fairview Northland Medical Center      |                  | \$17.50                |
| Gillette Children's Hospital           |                  | \$20.50                |
| Fairview Red Wing Medical Center       |                  | \$22.75                |
| St. Luke's Hospital                    |                  | \$25.25                |
| Lakeview Hospital                      |                  | \$25.75                |
| Melrose Area Hospital                  |                  | \$25.75                |
| New Ulm Medical Center                 |                  | \$26.00                |
| Buffalo Hospital                       |                  | \$26.00                |

| Provider                          | Single Rate | Estimated Median Price |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|------------------------|
| Cambridge Medical Center          |             | \$26.25                |
| River Falls Area Hospital         |             | \$26.25                |
| St. Cloud Hospital                |             | \$29.00                |
| United Hospital                   |             | \$29.25                |
| Mercy Hospital - Coon Rapids      |             | \$29.25                |
| Unity Hospital                    |             | \$29.25                |
| Baldwin Area Medical Center       |             | \$31.50                |
| Stevens Community Medical Center  |             | \$38.00                |
| North Memorial Medical Center     |             | \$40.50                |
| Ridgeview Medical Center          |             | \$45.25                |
| Woodwinds Health Campus           |             | \$45.75                |
| HealthEast St. John's Hospital    |             | \$47.00                |
| HealthEast St. Joseph's Hospital  |             | \$47.00                |
| Hutchinson Community Hospital     |             | \$51.25                |
| Children's Hospital - Minneapolis |             | \$56.25                |
| Paynesville Area Hospital         |             | \$56.75                |
| Children's Hospital - St. Paul    |             | \$64.00                |

## Urinalysis, with Microscopy

The analysis of urine under a microscope. The test can disclose evidence of diseases, even some that have not caused significant signs or symptoms.

Procedure Code: CPT Code - 81001

| Provider                                    | Single Rate | Estimated Median Price |
|---|-------------|------------------------|
| ▶ Park Nicollet Methodist Hospital          | \$4.00      |                        |
| MeritCare Hospital                          |             | \$11.25                |
| Innovis Health                              |             | \$12.25                |
| Abbott Northwestern Hospital                |             | \$16.25                |
| Fairview University Medical Center - Mesabi |             | \$23.75                |
| Westfields Hospital                         |             | \$24.25                |
| Monticello Big Lake Community Hospital      |             | \$26.00                |
| Baldwin Area Medical Center                 |             | \$26.25                |
| Stevens Community Medical Center            |             | \$27.75                |
| Children's Hospital - St. Paul              |             | \$29.00                |
| Children's Hospital - Minneapolis           |             | \$29.00                |
| Buffalo Hospital                            |             | \$29.00                |
| Cambridge Medical Center                    |             | \$29.00                |
| New Ulm Medical Center                      |             | \$29.00                |
| River Falls Area Hospital                   |             | \$29.00                |
| St. Cloud Hospital                          |             | \$29.25                |
| St. Francis Regional Medical Center         |             | \$29.75                |
| Eleah Medical Center                        |             | \$30.00                |
| Memorial Medical Center                     |             | \$30.25                |
| Fairview Northland Medical Center           |             | \$31.50                |
| Ridgeview Medical Center                    |             | \$32.50                |
| Fairview Lakes Medical Center               |             | \$33.25                |
| Fairview Ridges Hospital                    |             | \$33.25                |

| Provider                               | Single Rate | Estimated Median Price |
|--|-------------|------------------------|
| Fairview Southdale Hospital            |             | \$33.25                |
| University of Minnesota Medical Center |             | \$33.25                |
| St. Croix Regional Medical Center      |             | \$33.50                |
| Regions Hospital                       |             | \$33.50                |
| Lakeview Hospital                      |             | \$36.00                |
| Hennepin County Medical Center         |             | \$36.50                |
| North Memorial Medical Center          |             | \$40.50                |
| Owatonna Hospital                      |             | \$43.25                |
| Community Memorial Hospital            |             | \$43.50                |
| Mercy Hospital - Coon Rapids           |             | \$43.75                |
| United Hospital                        |             | \$43.75                |
| Unity Hospital                         |             | \$43.75                |
| St. Luke's Hospital                    |             | \$44.00                |
| HealthEast St. John's Hospital         |             | \$44.75                |
| HealthEast St. Joseph's Hospital       |             | \$44.75                |
| Woodwinds Health Campus                |             | \$44.75                |
| Mercy Hospital - Moose Lake            |             | \$45.75                |
| Hudson Hospital                        |             | \$46.50                |
| Wheaton Community Hospital             |             | \$57.75                |
| Gillette Children's Hospital           |             | \$61.75                |
| Queen of Peace Hospital                |             | \$62.75                |
| Northfield Hospital                    |             | \$72.50                |
| Hutchinson Community Hospital          |             | \$74.50                |

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Price range relative to other facilities:

|       |        |        |
|-------|--------|--------|
| Lower | Medium | Higher |
|-------|--------|--------|

## Urinalysis, without Microscopy

Analysis of urine by direct visual observation of the urine—noting its quantity, color, clarity or cloudiness, etc. The test can disclose evidence of diseases, even some that have not caused significant signs or symptoms.

Procedure Code: CPT Code - 81003

|                                  |                  |
|----------------------------------|------------------|
| Stand-alone Lab Price Range:     | \$7.00 - \$10.00 |
| Primary Care Clinic Price Range: | \$4.00 - \$6.00  |

| Provider                               | Single Rate | Estimated Median Price |
|--|-------------|------------------------|
| ▶ Park Nicollet Methodist Hospital     | \$3.00      |                        |
| Baldwin Area Medical Center            |             | \$8.00                 |
| Fairview Red Wing Medical Center       |             | \$9.00                 |
| St. Cloud Hospital                     |             | \$12.75                |
| Children's Hospital - St. Paul         |             | \$16.25                |
| Children's Hospital - Minneapolis      |             | \$17.75                |
| Fairview Southdale Hospital            |             | \$18.50                |
| University of Minnesota Medical Center |             | \$18.50                |
| Hennepin County Medical Center         |             | \$18.50                |
| Fairview Lakes Medical Center          |             | \$19.00                |
| Stevens Community Medical Center       |             | \$19.25                |
| Fairview Northland Medical Center      |             | \$19.50                |
| Regions Hospital                       |             | \$20.00                |
| St. Luke's Hospital                    |             | \$21.50                |
| Buffalo Hospital                       |             | \$21.50                |
| New Ulm Medical Center                 |             | \$21.50                |

| Provider                               | Single Rate | Estimated Median Price |
|--|-------------|------------------------|
| Cambridge Medical Center               |             | \$21.50                |
| St. Francis Regional Medical Center    |             | \$22.00                |
| Woodwinds Health Campus                |             | \$23.00                |
| Monticello Big Lake Community Hospital |             | \$29.00                |
| Abbott Northwestern Hospital           |             | \$29.25                |
| Mercy Hospital - Coon Rapids           |             | \$29.25                |
| Unity Hospital                         |             | \$29.25                |
| United Hospital                        |             | \$29.25                |
| North Memorial Medical Center          |             | \$34.00                |
| HealthEast St. John's Hospital         |             | \$34.00                |
| HealthEast St. Joseph's Hospital       |             | \$34.00                |
| Hutchinson Community Hospital          |             | \$34.75                |
| Community Memorial Hospital            |             | \$35.25                |
| Gillette Children's Hospital           |             | \$35.75                |
| Hudson Hospital                        |             | \$36.50                |

▶ Single rate denotes a pricing commitment submitted by a provider and offers a more precise estimate of what the procedure is likely to cost.

**Note:** Pricing is based on contracted rates for Patient Choice Insights and is valid until December 31, 2008. Pricing for individual cases may vary depending on the severity of illness and/or complexity of the procedure performed. For more information about how these prices were calculated, see page 19.

Price range relative to other facilities:

|       |        |        |
|-------|--------|--------|
| Lower | Medium | Higher |
|-------|--------|--------|

## IMAGING SERVICES

Imaging services, such as x-rays, CT scans and MRI scans, can help your doctor determine your diagnosis or see how your care is progressing. These services can be provided by a variety of facilities including hospitals and other imaging centers.

### Questions to Ask

To help ensure that these valuable diagnostic tools are used appropriately, here are some questions you can ask your doctor prior to receiving services:

**Why is this test necessary?** Estimates have shown that between 10 and 20 percent of imaging tests performed are the wrong test, the right test done incorrectly or completely unnecessary. Be sure to talk with your doctor about whether a test is right for you.

**How will it change the treatment or outcome?** Discuss the different treatment plans your doctor may consider, depending on the test results.

**Does the test have any health risks?** Some imaging tests have health risks associated with them. For example, some individuals may experience an allergic reaction to the injection material used in some tests. In addition, some tests, such as CT scans, expose you to a significant amount of radiation. For example, a CT scan of the pelvis is equivalent, in terms of radiation exposure, to 350 x-rays and has approximately the same cancer risks as smoking 2,100 cigarettes.

**How much does it cost?** Costs can vary dramatically by procedure and facility. Talk to your doctor about cost. The information on the following pages allows you to compare costs for several procedures.

### About the Pricing Information

The pricing information for imaging services is based on contract rates for Patient Choice Insights. It includes both the facility and the professional fees associated with the radiologist who reads (or interprets) the image.

#### Single Rates

We asked network hospitals and other facilities to submit a single facility rate for each imaging procedure; however, not all facilities chose to participate. For the facilities that chose to submit a single facility rate, we also calculated an estimated professional fee. This professional fee was combined with the facility's single rate to give you a better estimate of the total cost associated with the procedure. Facilities with single rates are highlighted with a (►).

#### Price Ranges

For facilities that did not submit a single rate, we calculated a price range that includes both the facility and physician fees. These ranges were determined by:

- taking a typical set of previously submitted claims for each facility;
- adjusting those claims for expected changes in 2008 and;
- applying the current Patient Choice Insights contract rates.

Pricing information does not reflect complex cases. Approximately 80 percent of all cases should fall within the price ranges listed.

While all network facilities have contract rates in place for the services they provide, only those with a significant number of claims for a particular procedure are included.

#### Low, Medium and High Price Ranges

To show you how the facility pricing compares to one another, if low, medium and high price ranges are highlighted for each procedure. These were determined by ranking the facilities by their single rate, if provided, or their median (middle) rate, and then grouping them by the natural breaks in the pricing.

These groupings are meant to serve as a general guideline and do not take into account a facility's tier assignment or your plan benefits. The chart on page 2 shows how this information can affect your out-of-pocket cost.

## Choosing a Radiology Facility

When you and your doctor decide that an imaging examination is appropriate for you, you'll want the examination to be performed in a high-quality and safe facility. The American College of Radiology (ACR) suggests asking the following questions:

**Will a board-certified radiologist interpret my examination?** The ACR recommends that examinations be interpreted by properly qualified physicians, such as a radiologist who is certified by the American Board of Radiology. Alternatives for physician qualification are defined on the ACR Web site at [www.acr.org](http://www.acr.org).

**Is the imaging facility formally accredited to perform my examination?** The ACR, and other accrediting bodies, have comprehensive accreditation programs. Equipment and personnel must meet specific qualification, and a high level of image quality is required for this accreditation. A list of ACR accredited facilities is available at [www.acr.org](http://www.acr.org).

**Is the technologist certified through a national credentialing organization?** Imaging exams are usually conducted by a radiology technologist. The American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT), is one of the largest organizations to test and certify technologists. A list of certified professionals is available on the ARRT Web site at [www.arrt.org](http://www.arrt.org).

**Is the imaging equipment checked yearly by a qualified medical physicist?** Radiation exposure and equipment performance, are two important aspects of patient safety in imaging examinations. Only through a thorough annual equipment examination by a qualified medical physicist can proper safety be assured.

**If I'm getting an injection, does the facility have a formal emergency response plan?** Intravenous injections, which are used to enhance the detail of some imaging examinations, carry a small risk of serious reaction. It is important to know if your imaging facility has a formal emergency response plan in place, in case of a reaction.

**Will there be someone there to explain the examination to me?**

The facility should have someone available who will give you a brief explanation of your examination and answer any questions you may have.

**How soon will my doctor know the results of my examination?**

Depending on the urgency of your examination, your doctor should receive the results either immediately or within a few days.

## Chest X-ray

An x-ray uses equipment to create pictures of internal structures on photographic film or on a monitor. X-rays are often used to help diagnose or to assist with treatment.

Procedure Codes: CPT Codes - 71010, 71015, 71020, 71030

| Provider                                   | Single Rate + Est. Pro Fee* | Price Range (Including Pro Fee*) |        |       |
|--|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|--------|-------|
|  |                             | Low                              | Median | High  |
| Center For Diagnostic Imaging              |                             | \$41                             | \$46   | \$51  |
| Consulting Radiologists, Ltd               |                             | \$41                             | \$46   | \$51  |
| Suburban Imaging                           |                             | \$31                             | \$47   | \$52  |
| St. Paul Radiology                         |                             | \$44                             | \$49   | \$54  |
| Minneapolis Radiology                      |                             | \$46                             | \$51   | \$56  |
| Westhealth, Inc - Surgery Center           |                             | \$57                             | \$62   | \$67  |
| Park Nicollet CT MR Imaging Center         |                             | \$63                             | \$68   | \$73  |
| ▶ <b>Park Nicollet Methodist Hospital</b>  | <b>\$78</b>                 |                                  |        |       |
| Fairview Red Wing Medical Center           |                             | \$78                             | \$83   | \$88  |
| Children's Health Care - West              |                             | \$82                             | \$87   | \$92  |
| St. Luke's Hospital                        |                             | \$104                            | \$113  | \$119 |
| North Memorial Medical Center              |                             | \$105                            | \$114  | \$120 |
| New Ulm Medical Center                     |                             | \$116                            | \$120  | \$159 |
| Baldwin Area Medical Center                |                             | \$121                            | \$125  | \$137 |
| HealthEast St. John's Hospital             |                             | \$89                             | \$130  | \$137 |
| HealthEast St. Joseph's Hospital           |                             | \$89                             | \$130  | \$137 |
| Woodwinds Health Campus                    |                             | \$124                            | \$131  | \$137 |
| Monticello Big Lake Community Hospital     |                             | \$105                            | \$131  | \$143 |
| St. Cloud Hospital                         |                             | \$97                             | \$133  | \$144 |
| Hennepin County Medical Center             |                             | \$139                            | \$143  | \$149 |
| Westfields Hospital                        |                             | \$127                            | \$148  | \$154 |
| Buffalo Hospital                           |                             | \$133                            | \$153  | \$160 |
| ▶ <b>Fairview Lakes Medical Center</b>     | <b>\$154</b>                |                                  |        |       |
| ▶ <b>Fairview Northland Medical Center</b> | <b>\$154</b>                |                                  |        |       |

| Provider  | Single Rate + Est. Pro Fee* | Price Range (Including Pro Fee*) |        |       |
|---|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|--------|-------|
|   |                             | Low                              | Median | High  |
| ▶ <b>Fairview Southdale Hospital</b>            | <b>\$154</b>                |                                  |        |       |
| ▶ <b>University of Minnesota Medical Center</b> | <b>\$154</b>                |                                  |        |       |
| ▶ <b>Fairview Ridges Hospital</b>               | <b>\$154</b>                |                                  |        |       |
| St. Francis Regional Medical Center             |                             | \$135                            | \$156  | \$163 |
| Children's Hospital - Minneapolis               |                             | \$115                            | \$166  | \$172 |
| Children's Hospital - St. Paul                  |                             | \$116                            | \$166  | \$172 |
| Stevens Community Medical Center                |                             | \$162                            | \$166  | \$172 |
| Regions Hospital                                |                             | \$143                            | \$176  | \$190 |
| Eleah Medical Center                            |                             | \$174                            | \$178  | \$191 |
| Ridgeview Medical Center                        |                             | \$126                            | \$181  | \$193 |
| Burnett Medical Center                          |                             | \$177                            | \$181  | \$195 |
| Gillette Children's Hospital                    |                             | \$132                            | \$186  | \$192 |
| Chippewa County Montevideo Hospital             |                             | \$180                            | \$186  | \$194 |
| Mercy Hospital - Coon Rapids                    |                             | \$166                            | \$192  | \$198 |
| Cambridge Medical Center                        |                             | \$188                            | \$192  | \$198 |
| Paynesville Area Hospital                       |                             | \$188                            | \$192  | \$206 |
| United Hospital                                 |                             | \$188                            | \$192  | \$198 |
| Abbott Northwestern Hospital                    |                             | \$166                            | \$192  | \$198 |
| Unity Hospital                                  |                             | \$166                            | \$192  | \$198 |
| Mercy Hospital - Moose Lake                     |                             | \$156                            | \$210  | \$172 |
| Queen of Peace Hospital                         |                             | \$201                            | \$214  | \$220 |
| Hayward Area Memorial Hospital                  |                             | \$203                            | \$214  | \$222 |
| St. Croix Regional Medical Center               |                             | \$199                            | \$226  | \$240 |
| Wheaton Community Hospital                      |                             | \$261                            | \$271  | \$277 |

▶ Single rate denotes a pricing commitment submitted by a provider and offers a more precise estimate of what the procedure is likely to cost.

\*Pro Fee - Fees associated with the radiologist who reads or interprets the image.

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Price range relative to other facilities:

|       |        |        |
|-------|--------|--------|
| Lower | Medium | Higher |
|-------|--------|--------|

## CT Scan

CT, or Computed Tomography, scan uses special X-ray equipment and computers to produce detailed images. CT scans may use contrast, which involves intravenous injections to enhance the imaging detail.

Procedure Codes: CPT Codes - 70450, 70460, 70470, 70480, 70481, 70482, 70486, 70487, 70488, 70490 70491, 70492, 71250, 71260, 71270, 72125, 72126, 72128, 72129, 72130, 72131, 72132, 72192, 72193, 72194, 73200, 73201, 73202, 73220, 73700, 73701, 74150, 74160, 74170, 76380, 76497, 77011, 77012, 77013, 77014

| Provider                                    | Single Rate + Est. Pro Fee* | Price Range (Including Pro Fee*) |        |       |
|---|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|--------|-------|
|   |                             | Low                              | Median | High  |
| Burnett Medical Center                      |                             | \$225                            | \$250  | \$325 |
| Westhealth, Inc - Surgery Center            |                             | \$200                            | \$261  | \$275 |
| Community Memorial Hospital                 |                             | \$225                            | \$273  | \$325 |
| Memorial Medical Center                     |                             | \$225                            | \$281  | \$325 |
| Monticello Big Lake Community Hospital      |                             | \$225                            | \$295  | \$300 |
| Fairview Red Wing Medical Center            |                             | \$350                            | \$354  | \$525 |
| Minnesota Radiology                         |                             | \$325                            | \$356  | \$550 |
| Consulting Radiologists, Ld                 |                             | \$275                            | \$378  | \$475 |
| Minneapolis Radiology                       |                             | \$275                            | \$378  | \$500 |
| Center For Diagnostic Imaging               |                             | \$325                            | \$379  | \$450 |
| Suburban Imaging                            |                             | \$300                            | \$386  | \$425 |
| St. Paul Radiology                          |                             | \$300                            | \$401  | \$425 |
| Hayward Area Memorial Hospital              |                             | \$350                            | \$412  | \$425 |
| Fairview University Medical Center - Mesabi |                             | \$325                            | \$421  | \$500 |
| ▶ Park Nicollet Methodist Hospital          | \$465                       |                                  |        |       |
| ▶ HealthEast St. John's Hospital            | \$480                       |                                  |        |       |
| ▶ HealthEast St. Joseph's Hospital          | \$480                       |                                  |        |       |
| ▶ Woodwinds Health Campus                   | \$480                       |                                  |        |       |
| HealthEast Surgery Center                   |                             | \$400                            | \$523  | \$525 |
| Park Nicollet CT MR Imaging Center          |                             | \$425                            | \$552  | \$600 |
| ▶ Fairview Lakes Medical Center             | \$561                       |                                  |        |       |
| ▶ Fairview Northland Medical Center         | \$561                       |                                  |        |       |
| ▶ Fairview Ridges Hospital                  | \$561                       |                                  |        |       |
| ▶ Fairview Southdale Hospital               | \$561                       |                                  |        |       |
| ▶ University of Minnesota Medical Center    | \$561                       |                                  |        |       |
| ▶ Abbott Northwestern Hospital              | \$580                       |                                  |        |       |
| ▶ Buffalo Hospital                          | \$580                       |                                  |        |       |
| ▶ Cambridge Medical Center                  | \$580                       |                                  |        |       |
| ▶ Children's Hospital - Minneapolis         | \$580                       |                                  |        |       |
| ▶ Children's Hospital - St. Paul            | \$580                       |                                  |        |       |

| Provider                                 | Single Rate + Est. Pro Fee* | Price Range (Including Pro Fee*) |         |         |
|--|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|---------|---------|
|  |                             | Low                              | Median  | High    |
| ▶ Mercy Hospital - Coon Rapids           | \$580                       |                                  |         |         |
| ▶ New Ulm Medical Center                 | \$580                       |                                  |         |         |
| ▶ Owatonna Hospital                      | \$580                       |                                  |         |         |
| ▶ River Falls Area Hospital              | \$580                       |                                  |         |         |
| ▶ St. Francis Regional Medical Center    | \$580                       |                                  |         |         |
| ▶ United Hospital                        | \$580                       |                                  |         |         |
| ▶ Unity Hospital                         | \$580                       |                                  |         |         |
| LifeDiagnostics Imaging                  |                             | \$500                            | \$586   | \$700   |
| Baldwin Area Medical Center              |                             | \$575                            | \$615   | \$625   |
| ▶ North Memorial Medical Center          | \$629                       |                                  |         |         |
| Hennepin County Medical Center           |                             | \$550                            | \$645   | \$700   |
| Hudson Hospital                          |                             | \$575                            | \$645   | \$875   |
| St. Cloud Hospital                       |                             | \$500                            | \$646   | \$875   |
| St. Luke's Hospital                      |                             | \$550                            | \$665   | \$850   |
| Melrose Area Hospital                    |                             | \$350                            | \$723   | \$900   |
| Ridgeview Medical Center                 |                             | \$600                            | \$763   | \$825   |
| Children's Health Care - West            |                             | \$750                            | \$773   | \$850   |
| Mercy Hospital - Moose Lake              |                             | \$700                            | \$810   | \$1,000 |
| Queen of Peace Hospital                  |                             | \$850                            | \$989   | \$1,175 |
| Regina Medical Center                    |                             | \$860                            | \$1,022 | \$1,079 |
| Northfield Hospital                      |                             | \$881                            | \$1,029 | \$1,156 |
| St. Croix Regional Medical Center        |                             | \$930                            | \$1,077 | \$1,179 |
| Granite Falls Municipal Hospital & Manor |                             | \$998                            | \$1,101 | \$1,241 |
| Paynesville Area Hospital                |                             | \$899                            | \$1,120 | \$1,372 |
| Chippewa County Montevideo Hospital      |                             | \$1,041                          | \$1,125 | \$1,213 |
| Hutchinson Community Hospital            |                             | \$1,074                          | \$1,221 | \$1,482 |
| Stevens Community Medical Center         |                             | \$1,096                          | \$1,255 | \$1,600 |
| Glacial Ridge Hospital                   |                             | \$1,238                          | \$1,287 | \$1,404 |
| Wheaton Community Hospital               |                             | \$1,112                          | \$1,387 | \$1,622 |

## Mammogram Screening

A special type of X-ray used to exam the breasts. It is used to aid in the diagnosis of breast diseases such as breast cancer.

Procedure Codes: CPT Codes - 77057, 77072

| Provider                                 | Single Rate + Est. Pro Fee* | Price Range (Including Pro Fee*) |
|--|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|
|  |                             | Median                           |
| Fairview Red Wing Medical Center         |                             | \$90                             |
| New Ulm Medical Center                   |                             | \$110                            |
| Center For Diagnostic Imaging            |                             | \$120                            |
| Consulting Radiologists, Ltd             |                             | \$120                            |
| Baldwin Area Medical Center              |                             | \$120                            |
| Suburban Imaging                         |                             | \$120                            |
| Buffalo Hospital                         |                             | \$120                            |
| River Falls Area Hospital                |                             | \$120                            |
| St. Francis Regional Medical Center      |                             | \$120                            |
| St. Paul Radiology                       |                             | \$120                            |
| Monticello Big Lake Community Hospital   |                             | \$120                            |
| Owatonna Hospital                        |                             | \$130                            |
| Minneapolis Radiology                    |                             | \$130                            |
| Burnett Medical Center                   |                             | \$130                            |
| Hennepin County Medical Center           |                             | \$130                            |
| Abbott Northwestern Hospital             |                             | \$140                            |
| Cambridge Medical Center                 |                             | \$140                            |
| Ridgeview Medical Center                 |                             | \$160                            |
| Queen of Peace Hospital                  |                             | \$170                            |
| Park Nicollet CT MR Imaging Center       |                             | \$170                            |
| University of Minnesota Medical Center   |                             | \$173                            |
| ▶ Fairview Lakes Medical Center          | \$173                       |                                  |
| ▶ Fairview Northland Medical Center      | \$173                       |                                  |
| ▶ Fairview Ridges Hospital               | \$173                       |                                  |
| ▶ Fairview Southdale Hospital            | \$173                       |                                  |
| Regina Medical Center                    |                             | \$190                            |
| Chippewa County Montevideo Hospital      |                             | \$220                            |
| Granite Falls Municipal Hospital & Manor |                             | \$240                            |
| Hutchinson Community Hospital            |                             | \$270                            |

## MRI - with Contrast

MRI, or Magnetic Resonance Imaging, uses a strong magnetic field, radio waves and a computer to produce highly detailed pictures of your body's organs and tissues without x-rays. An MRI with contrast involves intravenous injections to enhance the imaging detail.

Procedure Codes: CPT Codes - 70545, 70548, 70552, 71551, 72142, 72149, 72196, 73222, 73719, 73722, 74182

| Provider                                 | Single Rate + Est. Pro Fee* | Price Range (Including Pro Fee*) |         |         |
|--|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|---------|---------|
|  |                             | Low                              | Median  | High    |
| ▶ Park Nicollet Methodist Hospital       | \$670                       |                                  |         |         |
| ▶ Fairview Ridges Hospital               | \$713                       |                                  |         |         |
| ▶ Fairview Lakes Medical Center          | \$713                       |                                  |         |         |
| ▶ Fairview Northland Medical Center      | \$713                       |                                  |         |         |
| ▶ Fairview Southdale Hospital            | \$713                       |                                  |         |         |
| ▶ University of Minnesota Medical Center | \$713                       |                                  |         |         |
| Center For Diagnostic Imaging            |                             | \$700                            | \$814   | \$850   |
| Suburban Imaging                         |                             | \$725                            | \$830   | \$850   |
| ▶ HealthEast St. John's Hospital         | \$858                       |                                  |         |         |
| ▶ HealthEast St. Joseph's Hospital       | \$858                       |                                  |         |         |
| ▶ Woodwinds Health Campus                | \$858                       |                                  |         |         |
| St. Paul Radiology                       |                             | \$825                            | \$862   | \$900   |
| ▶ Children's Hospital - Minneapolis      | \$945                       |                                  |         |         |
| ▶ Children's Hospital - St. Paul         | \$945                       |                                  |         |         |
| ▶ Children's Health Care - West          | \$945                       |                                  |         |         |
| ▶ United Hospital                        | \$958                       |                                  |         |         |
| ▶ Abbott Northwestern Hospital           | \$968                       |                                  |         |         |
| ▶ Unity Hospital                         | \$968                       |                                  |         |         |
| ▶ Owatonna Hospital                      | \$968                       |                                  |         |         |
| ▶ Cambridge Medical Center               | \$968                       |                                  |         |         |
| ▶ River Falls Area Hospital              | \$968                       |                                  |         |         |
| ▶ New Ulm Medical Center                 | \$968                       |                                  |         |         |
| ▶ Buffalo Hospital                       | \$968                       |                                  |         |         |
| ▶ St. Francis Regional Medical Center    | \$968                       |                                  |         |         |
| ▶ Mercy Hospital - Coon Rapids           | \$968                       |                                  |         |         |
| Baldwin Area Medical Center              |                             | \$1,300                          | \$1,515 | \$1,600 |

▶ Single rate denotes a pricing commitment submitted by a provider and offers a more precise estimate of what the procedure is likely to cost.

\*Pro Fee - Fees associated with the radiologist who reads or interprets the image.

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Price range relative to other facilities:

|       |        |        |
|-------|--------|--------|
| Lower | Medium | Higher |
|-------|--------|--------|

## MRI - with and without Contrast

MRI, or Magnetic Resonance Imaging, uses a strong magnetic field, radio waves and a computer to produce highly detailed pictures of your body's organs and tissues without x-rays. An MRI with contrast involves intravenous injections to enhance the imaging detail.

Procedure Codes: CPT Codes - 70543, 70546, 70549, 70553, 71552, 72156, 72157, 72158, 72197, 73223, 73720, 73723, 74183

| Provider                                    | Single Rate + Est. Pro Fee* | Price Range (Including Pro Fee*) |         |         |
|---|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|---------|---------|
|   |                             | Low                              | Median  | High    |
| Westhealth, Inc - Surgery Center            |                             | \$550                            | \$567   | \$600   |
| Monticello Big Lake Community Hospital      |                             | \$675                            | \$683   | \$725   |
| Memorial Medical Center                     |                             | \$650                            | \$879   | \$1,000 |
| Mercy Hospital - Moose Lake                 |                             | \$875                            | \$883   | \$925   |
| Fairview Red Wing Medical Center            |                             | \$875                            | \$891   | \$925   |
| Lakeview Hospital                           |                             | \$800                            | \$895   | \$975   |
| ▶ HealthEast St. John's Hospital            | \$920                       |                                  |         |         |
| ▶ HealthEast St. Joseph's Hospital          | \$920                       |                                  |         |         |
| ▶ Woodwinds Health Campus                   | \$920                       |                                  |         |         |
| ▶ Park Nicollet Methodist Hospital          | \$934                       |                                  |         |         |
| Fairview University Medical Center - Mesabi |                             | \$950                            | \$974   | \$1,000 |
| ▶ Fairview Ridges Hospital                  | \$989                       |                                  |         |         |
| ▶ Fairview Lakes Medical Center             | \$989                       |                                  |         |         |
| ▶ Fairview Northland Medical Center         | \$989                       |                                  |         |         |
| ▶ Fairview Southdale Hospital               | \$989                       |                                  |         |         |
| ▶ University of Minnesota Medical Center    | \$989                       |                                  |         |         |
| ▶ Children's Hospital - Minneapolis         | \$1,015                     |                                  |         |         |
| ▶ Children's Hospital - St. Paul            | \$1,015                     |                                  |         |         |
| ▶ Children's Health Care - West             | \$1,015                     |                                  |         |         |
| ▶ North Memorial Medical Center             | \$1,027                     |                                  |         |         |
| Mercy Hospital - Coon Rapids                |                             | \$1,025                          | \$1,086 | \$1,200 |
| Cambridge Medical Center                    |                             | \$1,025                          | \$1,104 | \$1,225 |
| St. Francis Regional Medical Center         |                             | \$1,025                          | \$1,129 | \$1,375 |
| New Ulm Medical Center                      |                             | \$1,025                          | \$1,143 | \$1,200 |

| Provider                           | Single Rate + Est. Pro Fee* | Price Range (Including Pro Fee*) |         |         |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|---------|---------|
|                                    |                             | Low                              | Median  | High    |
| Unity Hospital                     |                             | \$1,025                          | \$1,145 | \$1,200 |
| Abbott Northwestern Hospital       |                             | \$1,025                          | \$1,149 | \$1,200 |
| Buffalo Hospital                   |                             | \$1,025                          | \$1,154 | \$1,300 |
| United Hospital                    |                             | \$1,025                          | \$1,156 | \$1,250 |
| River Falls Area Hospital          |                             | \$1,025                          | \$1,200 | \$1,300 |
| Minnesota Radiology                |                             | \$1,250                          | \$1,282 | \$1,325 |
| Center For Diagnostic Imaging      |                             | \$1,325                          | \$1,364 | \$1,400 |
| Consulting Radiologists, Ltd       |                             | \$1,325                          | \$1,364 | \$1,400 |
| Minneapolis Radiology              |                             | \$1,325                          | \$1,364 | \$1,400 |
| Suburban Imaging                   |                             | \$1,350                          | \$1,391 | \$1,425 |
| Ridgeview Medical Center           |                             | \$1,325                          | \$1,440 | \$1,600 |
| St. Paul Radiology                 |                             | \$1,400                          | \$1,446 | \$1,475 |
| Park Nicollet CT MR Imaging Center |                             | \$1,975                          | \$1,992 | \$2,025 |
| Hudson Hospital                    |                             | \$1,900                          | \$2,019 | \$2,150 |
| LifeDiagnostics Imaging            |                             | \$2,050                          | \$2,115 | \$2,150 |
| Hennepin County Medical Center     |                             | \$1,550                          | \$2,207 | \$2,250 |
| Northfield Hospital                |                             | \$2,275                          | \$2,390 | \$2,450 |
| St. Cloud Hospital                 |                             | \$2,175                          | \$2,452 | \$2,675 |
| Regina Medical Center              |                             | \$2,025                          | \$2,611 | \$2,800 |
| Regions Hospital                   |                             | \$2,550                          | \$2,632 | \$2,975 |
| Hutchinson Community Hospital      |                             | \$2,700                          | \$2,716 | \$2,850 |
| St. Croix Regional Medical Center  |                             | \$2,700                          | \$2,871 | \$3,050 |
| Paynesville Area Hospital          |                             | \$2,775                          | \$2,986 | \$3,150 |
| Stevens Community Medical Center   |                             | \$2,975                          | \$3,000 | \$5,075 |

## MRI without Contrast

MRI, or Magnetic Resonance Imaging, uses a strong magnetic field, radio waves and a computer to produce highly detailed pictures of your body's organs and tissues without x-rays.

Procedure Codes: CPT Codes 70540, 70544, 70547, 70551, 71550, 72141, 72148, 72195, 73218, 73221, 73718, 73721, 74181

| Provider                                    | Single Rate + Est. Pro Fee* | Price Range (Including Pro Fee*) |        |         |
|---|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|--------|---------|
|   |                             | Low                              | Median | High    |
| Westhealth, Inc - Surgery Center            |                             | \$375                            | \$387  | \$400   |
| Burnett Medical Center                      |                             | \$425                            | \$428  | \$450   |
| Community Memorial Hospital                 |                             | \$425                            | \$433  | \$450   |
| Memorial Medical Center                     |                             | \$425                            | \$438  | \$450   |
| Monticello Big Lake Community Hospital      |                             | \$450                            | \$473  | \$475   |
| Lakeview Hospital                           |                             | \$550                            | \$568  | \$575   |
| Fairview Red Wing Medical Center            |                             | \$600                            | \$606  | \$650   |
| ▶ Park Nicollet Methodist Hospital          | \$620                       |                                  |        |         |
| Mercy Hospital - Moose Lake                 |                             | \$600                            | \$631  | \$650   |
| North Memorial Medical Center               |                             | \$625                            | \$637  | \$700   |
| ▶ Fairview Lakes Medical Center             | \$654                       |                                  |        |         |
| ▶ Fairview Northland Medical Center         | \$654                       |                                  |        |         |
| ▶ Fairview Ridges Hospital                  | \$654                       |                                  |        |         |
| ▶ Fairview Southdale Hospital               | \$654                       |                                  |        |         |
| ▶ University of Minnesota Medical Center    | \$654                       |                                  |        |         |
| Minnesota Radiology                         |                             | \$650                            | \$662  | \$700   |
| Fairview University Medical Center - Mesabi |                             | \$650                            | \$663  | \$700   |
| Center For Diagnostic Imaging               |                             | \$700                            | \$704  | \$775   |
| Consulting Radiologists, Ltd                |                             | \$675                            | \$704  | \$775   |
| Minneapolis Radiology                       |                             | \$675                            | \$704  | \$775   |
| Suburban Imaging                            |                             | \$700                            | \$718  | \$800   |
| St. Paul Radiology                          |                             | \$725                            | \$747  | \$825   |
| Hayward Area Memorial Hospital              |                             | \$775                            | \$782  | \$825   |
| ▶ HealthEast St. John's Hospital            | \$858                       |                                  |        |         |
| ▶ HealthEast St. Joseph's Hospital          | \$858                       |                                  |        |         |
| ▶ Woodwinds Health Campus                   | \$858                       |                                  |        |         |
| ▶ Children's Health Care - West             | \$870                       |                                  |        |         |
| ▶ Children's Hospital - Minneapolis         | \$870                       |                                  |        |         |
| ▶ Children's Hospital - St. Paul            | \$870                       |                                  |        |         |
| Hennepin County Medical Center              |                             | \$775                            | \$945  | \$1,150 |

| Provider                                 | Single Rate + Est. Pro Fee* | Price Range (Including Pro Fee*) |         |         |
|--|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|---------|---------|
|  |                             | Low                              | Median  | High    |
| ▶ Abbott Northwestern Hospital           | \$951                       |                                  |         |         |
| ▶ Buffalo Hospital                       | \$951                       |                                  |         |         |
| ▶ Cambridge Medical Center               | \$951                       |                                  |         |         |
| ▶ Mercy Hospital - Coon Rapids           | \$951                       |                                  |         |         |
| ▶ New Ulm Medical Center                 | \$951                       |                                  |         |         |
| ▶ Owatonna Hospital                      | \$951                       |                                  |         |         |
| ▶ River Falls Area Hospital              | \$951                       |                                  |         |         |
| ▶ St. Francis Regional Medical Center    | \$951                       |                                  |         |         |
| ▶ United Hospital                        | \$951                       |                                  |         |         |
| ▶ Unity Hospital                         | \$958                       |                                  |         |         |
| Park Nicollet CT MR Imaging Center       |                             | \$1,000                          | \$1,028 | \$1,125 |
| LifeDiagnostics Imaging                  |                             | \$1,050                          | \$1,091 | \$1,175 |
| Lifescan Minnesota                       |                             | \$1,075                          | \$1,092 | \$1,175 |
| Regions Hospital                         |                             | \$1,150                          | \$1,221 | \$1,375 |
| Westfields Hospital                      |                             | \$700                            | \$1,221 | \$1,400 |
| Melrose Area Hospital                    |                             | \$1,125                          | \$1,264 | \$1,325 |
| Ridgeview Medical Center                 |                             | \$1,175                          | \$1,278 | \$1,400 |
| Baldwin Area Medical Center              |                             | \$1,325                          | \$1,379 | \$1,525 |
| Hudson Hospital                          |                             | \$1,350                          | \$1,428 | \$1,425 |
| Queen of Peace Hospital                  |                             | \$1,500                          | \$1,614 | \$1,675 |
| Glacial Ridge Hospital                   |                             | \$1,550                          | \$1,623 | \$1,650 |
| Regina Medical Center                    |                             | \$1,475                          | \$1,625 | \$1,700 |
| St. Cloud Hospital                       |                             | \$1,500                          | \$1,636 | \$1,925 |
| Northfield Hospital                      |                             | \$1,725                          | \$1,769 | \$1,775 |
| Stevens Community Medical Center         |                             | \$1,850                          | \$1,903 | \$1,875 |
| Hutchinson Community Hospital            |                             | \$1,875                          | \$1,915 | \$2,150 |
| St. Croix Regional Medical Center        |                             | \$1,950                          | \$2,085 | \$2,150 |
| Granite Falls Municipal Hospital & Manor |                             | \$2,400                          | \$2,375 | \$2,500 |
| Paynesville Area Hospital                |                             | \$2,350                          | \$2,382 | \$2,500 |

▶ Single rate denotes a pricing commitment submitted by a provider and offers a more precise estimate of what the procedure is likely to cost.

\*Pro Fee - Fees associated with the radiologist who reads or interprets the image.

**Note:** Pricing is based on contracted rates for Patient Choice Insights and is valid until December 31, 2008. Pricing for individual cases may vary depending on the severity of illness and/or complexity of the procedure performed. For more information about how these prices were calculated, see page 31.

Price range relative to other facilities:

|       |        |        |
|-------|--------|--------|
| Lower | Medium | Higher |
|-------|--------|--------|

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT THE PRICING CATALOG

### > How does a facility's pricing information correspond to its tier assignment?

The amount a hospital or other facility charges varies by procedure. The Facility Pricing Catalog includes pricing information on a limited number of services. It does not necessarily reflect a facility's overall tier placement.

The tier in which a hospital or facility is placed is determined by overall cost as well as its performance on other quality and efficiency measures. That means a facility with a lower price for a certain procedure will not necessarily be in a lower (or better) tier. On the other hand, a facility with higher pricing for a certain procedure may be in a lower tier overall.

If cost is an important part of your decision, you'll want to consider the Facility Pricing Catalog information, the facility's tier placement and the benefits outlined in your plan documents to determine the estimated cost to you.

### > Is the lowest priced facility always the best choice?

Not necessarily. Just as you consider many factors when making other purchasing decisions, the lowest priced option may not best meet your health care needs. In addition to price, considerations such as special expertise, experience, convenience, special equipment, etc., are examples of other factors that you should weigh in your decision-making process.

### > Pricing information is not listed for some facilities. Why?

Network facilities in the Twin Cities and surrounding areas were asked to submit single rates for our Facility Pricing Catalog; however, not all chose to participate. Price ranges were calculated for those facilities that did not provide a single rate. Only those facilities with a significant number of previously submitted claims for a procedure are listed in the Facility Pricing Catalog.

### > Some of the other decision support tools available on *myMedica.com* include cost information that is different from what appears in the Facility Pricing Catalog. Why?

The Facility Pricing Catalog includes price information that is based on the contracted rate for the Patient Choice Insights network and is a more accurate estimate of what will be paid. Other available tools may not be based on contract rates or are based on the contract rates for other networks.

### > Does the price listed in the Facility Pricing Catalog include all of the charges associated with the procedure?

Generally, no. The Facility Pricing Catalog includes price information that is based on the contracted rate for the facility's services only. Separately billed charges such as physician fees are not included. However, the procedures in the Imaging Services section include pricing for the facility and the radiologist who reads (or interprets) the image.

For laboratory services the pricing information does not include specimen handling or blood drawing fees which can range from \$6 to \$12.

All pricing is based on procedures without complications and may vary depending on the severity of illness and/or complexity of the procedure performed.

## HELPFUL QUALITY RESOURCES

### > Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) — [www.ahrq.gov](http://www.ahrq.gov)

This agency focuses on improving the quality, safety efficiency and effectiveness of health care for all Americans. Their Web site includes a wealth of safety and quality tips for consumers including information about helping to prevent medical errors and questions to ask your doctor prior to having a surgery.

### > Hospital Comparison Tool (available on myMedica.com)

This easy-to-use tool allows you to compare hospitals according to a specific condition or procedure. Using evidence-based data, the tool allows you to:

- find out how much experience a hospital has with certain procedures,
- learn the percentage of patients who died while being treated,
- identify specific problems that may be related to the quality of care and much more.

| Summary  | Patients/yr           | Mortality | Complications   | Length of Stay  | Other Evals     |                 |
|--|-----------------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>Report on Coronary Artery Bypass Surgery (primary procedure)</b>  |                       |           |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| This report compares hospitals within 20 miles of Minneapolis, MN for Coronary Artery Bypass Surgery (primary procedure), and is based on your selections and rankings. This is just one of several sources you should consult to select a hospital; always consult your physician about what decision is right for you. |                       |           |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| <b>Summary</b>   |                       |           |                 |                 |                 |                 |
| Name   | Rank                  | Index     | Patients/yr     | Mortality       | Complications   | LOS             |
| Hospital A   | <b>1<sup>st</sup></b> | 2.33      | 5 <sup>th</sup> | 1 <sup>st</sup> | 1 <sup>st</sup> | 2 <sup>nd</sup> |
| Hospital B   | <b>2<sup>nd</sup></b> | 3.00      | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | 4 <sup>th</sup> | 1 <sup>st</sup> |
| Hospital C   | <b>2<sup>nd</sup></b> | 3.00      | 4 <sup>th</sup> | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | 5 <sup>th</sup> |
| Hospital D   | <b>4<sup>th</sup></b> | 3.33      | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | 5 <sup>th</sup> | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | 4 <sup>th</sup> |

### > The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Organizations (JCAHO) — [www.jcaho.org](http://www.jcaho.org)

This prominent organization evaluates the quality and safety of care for nearly 15,000 health care organizations. Their Web site includes a

Quality Check™ tool where you can find out if an organization has been accredited—meaning it is compliant with the established standards and other accreditation requirements.

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### > Medicare’s Hospital Care — [www.hospitalcompare.hhs.gov](http://www.hospitalcompare.hhs.gov)

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and several other organizations have created a site that allows individuals to see how well hospitals care for their adult patients with certain medical conditions. It includes performance data on widely accepted quality measures in treating such conditions as heart attack, heart failure, and pneumonia.

### > Minnesota Department of Health — [www.health.state.mn.us](http://www.health.state.mn.us)

This is the state’s lead public health agency. It collects and publishes information from hospitals and outpatient surgical centers that must report whenever any of 27 identified preventable adverse events occur.

### > The 5 Million Lives Campaign — [www.ihl.org/ihl/programs/campaign](http://www.ihl.org/ihl/programs/campaign)

This is a nationwide initiative to make health care safer and more effective and to ensure that hospitals achieve the best possible outcomes for all patients. A summary of network hospital participation is available on page 42.

### > The LeapFrog Group — [www.leapfroggroup.org](http://www.leapfroggroup.org)

This national consortium of large employers has identified several measures that hospitals should have in place that have been shown to improve patient safety. Their site includes information about how much progress hospitals have made toward implementing these recommended safety practices. More information about these safety practices and the survey results are available on the following page.

## HOSPITAL PATIENT SAFETY

Nearly a decade ago, the Institute of Medicine (IOM) estimated that 98,000 people die each year as result of errors that occur in hospitals—making medical errors the eighth leading cause of death in this country. Since that time, a number of national efforts have been launched aimed at improving patient safety—and saving lives. Two of these initiatives are described on the following pages.

## ABOUT THE LEAPFROG GROUP

The Leapfrog Group, a coalition of public and private organizations, collects and publishes information about hospital performance including four categories (or leaps) that it recommends hospitals should have in place to improve patient safety. These four categories include:

**Leap 1—Computer Physician Order Entry (CPOE):** Physicians enter patient prescriptions and other orders into computers linked to error prevention software.

**Leap 2—Intensive Care Unit (ICU) Physician Staffing:** ICUs are staffed by trained ICU specialists called “intensivists.”

**Leap 3—High Risk Treatments or Evidence-based Hospital Referral (EHR):** Hospital has proven outcomes or extensive experience with several high-risk procedures/conditions.

**Leap 4—National Quality Forum (NQF) Safe Practices:** Hospital is progressing on the additional 27 NQF measures. NQF has identified 30 practices that can have a major affect on the safety of patients in health care settings. Leaps one, two and three are included among these 30 practices. The other 27 practices—including communication among workers, doctor/patient communication and infection prevention—form the fourth leap.

Hospitals share information about their progress toward implementing the recommended safety practices by completing the Leapfrog Group’s Hospital Quality and Patient Safety Survey. Several Minnesota hospitals that participate in the Patient Choice program have made significant progress and are highlighted on the following pages. Results shown are from July 20, 2007.

Note: Due to lower patient volume and more scarce resources, some measures endorsed by The Leapfrog Group are harder for rural hospitals to implement. As a result, the survey is more applicable to hospitals in urban areas.

- Fully implemented
- ◐ Good progress toward implementing
- ◑ Good early stage effort toward implementing
- N/P Hospital does not perform procedure

| Name of Hospital                             | City, State        | Leap 1                                | Leap 2                                       | Leap 3—High Risk Treatments or Evidence-based Hospital Referral (EHR) |                      |                                  |               |                      |                   |                          |                    |                      | Leap 4 |
|--|--------------------|---------------------------------------|--|---|----------------------|----------------------------------|---------------|----------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|--------|
|  |                    | Computer Physician Order Entry (CPOE) | Intensive Care Unit (ICU) physician staffing | Coronary artery bypass graft  | Coronary angioplasty | Abdominal aortic aneurysm repair | Esophagectomy | Pancreatic resection | Bariatric surgery | Aortic valve replacement | High risk delivery | Safe practices score |        |
| Abbott Northwestern Hospital                 | Minneapolis, MN    | ●                                     | ◐  |   |                      |                                  |               | ●                    | ●                 |                          |                    | ●                    | ●      |
| Buffalo Hospital                             | Buffalo, MN        | ●                                     |  |   |                      |                                  |               |                      |                   |                          |                    |                      | ◐      |
| Cambridge Medical Center                     | Cambridge, MN      |                                       |  |   |                      |                                  |               |                      |                   |                          |                    |                      | ●      |
| Children's Hospital - Minneapolis            | Minneapolis, MN    |                                       | ●  | N/P   | N/P                  | N/P                              | N/P           | N/P                  | N/P               | N/P                      | N/P                | ●                    | ●      |
| Children's Hospital - St. Paul               | St. Paul, MN       |                                       | ●  | N/P   | N/P                  | N/P                              | N/P           | N/P                  | N/P               | N/P                      | N/P                | ●                    | ●      |
| Fairview Northland Medical Center            | Princeton, MN      |                                       |  |   |                      |                                  |               |                      |                   |                          |                    |                      | ●      |
| Fairview Ridges Hospital                     | Burnsville, MN     | ●                                     | ●  |   |                      |                                  |               |                      |                   |                          |                    |                      | ◐      |
| Fairview Southdale Hospital                  | Edina, MN          |                                       |  |   | ◐                    |                                  |               |                      |                   | ◐                        |                    | N/P                  | ◐      |
| First Care Medical Services                  | Fosston, MN        | ●                                     |  |   |                      |                                  |               |                      |                   |                          |                    |                      | ◐      |
| Gillette Children's Hospital                 | St. Paul, MN       |                                       | ●  |   |                      |                                  |               |                      |                   |                          |                    |                      | ◐      |
| HealthEast St. John's Hospital               | Maplewood, MN      |                                       |  |   |                      |                                  |               |                      |                   |                          |                    |                      | ●      |
| HealthEast St. Joseph's Hospital             | St. Paul, MN       |                                       |  |   | ◐                    |                                  |               |                      |                   | ◐                        | ◐                  | N/P                  | ●      |
| Hennepin County Medical Center               | Minneapolis, MN    | ●                                     |  | ●   | ●                    |                                  |               |                      |                   | ●                        | ●                  | ●                    |        |
| Hutchinson Community Hospital                | Hutchinson, MN     |                                       |  |   |                      |                                  |               |                      |                   |                          |                    |                      | ◐      |
| Melrose Area Hospital                        | Melrose, MN        |                                       |  |   |                      |                                  |               |                      |                   |                          |                    |                      | ◐      |
| Mercy Hospital - Coon Rapids                 | Coon Rapids, MN    | ●                                     | ◐  |   |                      |                                  |               |                      |                   |                          |                    |                      | ◐      |
| Meeker County Memorial Hospital              | Litchfield, MN     | ◐                                     |  |   |                      |                                  |               |                      |                   |                          |                    |                      | ◐      |
| New Ulm Medical Center                       | New Ulm, MN        | ●                                     |  |   |                      |                                  |               |                      |                   |                          |                    |                      | ●      |
| North Memorial Medical Center                | Robbinsdale, MN    |                                       | ●  |   |                      |                                  |               |                      |                   |                          |                    |                      | ◐      |
| Northfield City Hospital                     | Northfield, MN     |                                       |  |   |                      |                                  |               |                      |                   |                          |                    |                      | ◐      |
| Owatonna Hospital                            | Owatonna, MN       |                                       |  |   |                      |                                  |               |                      |                   |                          |                    |                      | ◐      |
| Park Nicollet Methodist Hospital             | St. Louis Park, MN | ●                                     | ●  | ◐   | ◐                    | ◐                                | ◐             |                      |                   | ●                        | ◐                  | N/P                  | ●      |
| Phillips Eye Institute                       | Minneapolis, MN    |                                       |  |   |                      |                                  |               |                      |                   |                          |                    |                      | ◐      |
| Regions Hospital                             | St. Paul, MN       | ●                                     | ●  |   |                      |                                  |               |                      | ◐                 | ◐                        | ◐                  | N/P                  | ●      |
| Ridgeview Medical Center                     | Waconia, MN        |                                       |  |   |                      |                                  |               |                      |                   |                          |                    |                      | ◐      |
| St. Luke's Hospital                          | Duluth, MN         |                                       |  |   |                      |                                  |               |                      |                   |                          |                    |                      | ●      |
| Stevens Community Medical Center             | Morris, MN         |                                       |  |   |                      |                                  |               |                      |                   |                          |                    |                      | ◐      |
| United Hospital                              | St. Paul, MN       | ●                                     | ●  |   |                      |                                  |               |                      |                   | ◐                        | ◐                  | ◐                    | ●      |
| Unity Hospital                               | Fridley, MN        | ●                                     |  | N/P   | N/P                  |                                  |               |                      | N/P               | ●                        | N/P                | N/P                  | ●      |
| University Medical Center - Riverside Campus | Minneapolis, MN    |                                       |  |   | ◐                    |                                  |               | ◐                    | ◐                 | ◐                        | ◐                  | ◐                    | ◐      |

# ABOUT THE 5 MILLION LIVES CAMPAIGN

The 5 Million Lives Campaign is a nationwide initiative launched by the Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI). It's aimed at engaging U.S. hospitals in a commitment to implement 12 changes in care that are proven to improve patient care and prevent avoidable deaths including:

- Deploying Rapid Response Teams**—at the first sign of patient decline and before a catastrophic cardiac or respiratory event in patients who are progressively failing outside the intensive care unit.
- Preventing Adverse Drug Events**—by reconciling patient medications at every transition point in care.
- Delivering Reliable, Evidence-based Care for Acute Myocardial Infarction (MI)**—to prevent deaths from heart attack.
- Preventing Surgical Site Infections**—by reliably delivering the correct perioperative antibiotics at the proper time.
- Preventing Central Line Infections**—by implementing a series of interdependent, scientifically grounded steps.

| Name of Hospital                  | City, State     | Rapid response teams | Prevention of adverse drug events | Improved care for acute MI | Prevention of surgical site infection | Prevention of central line infections | Prevention of ventilator-associated pneumonia | Prevent harm from high-alert medications | Reduce surgical complications | Prevent pressure ulcers | Reduce MRSA | Deliver reliable evidence-based care for CHF | Get boards on board |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|--|-------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------|--|---------------------|
| Abbott Northwestern Hospital      | Minneapolis, MN | ●                    | ●                                 | ●                          | ●                                     | ●                                     | ●   | ●  | ◐                             | ●                       |             | ◐  | ◐                   |
| Baldwin Area Medical Center       | Baldwin, WI     |                      |                                   | ●                          | ◐                                     |                                       |   | ●  |                               | ◐                       | ◐           | ●  |                     |
| Bethesda Hospital                 | St. Paul, MN    |                      | ●                                 | N/A                        | N/A                                   | ●                                     | ●   | ●  | N/A                           | ●                       | ●           | N/A  | ●                   |
| Buffalo Hospital                  | Buffalo, MN     | ●                    | ●                                 | ●                          | ●                                     | ●                                     | ●   | ●  | ◐                             | ●                       |             | ◐  | ◐                   |
| Burnett Medical Center            | Grantsburg, WI  |                      |                                   | ●                          | ●                                     |                                       |   |  |                               | ◐                       | ●           | ●  |                     |
| Cambridge Medical Center          | Cambridge, MN   | ●                    | ●                                 | ●                          | ●                                     | ●                                     | ●   | ●  | ◐                             | ●                       |             | ◐  | ◐                   |
| Children's Hospital - Minneapolis | Minneapolis, MN | ●                    | ●                                 | N/A                        | ●                                     | ◐                                     | ●   | ◐  | ◐                             | ◐                       | ◐           | N/A  | ●                   |
| Children's Hospital - St. Paul    | St. Paul, MN    | ●                    | ●                                 | N/A                        | ●                                     | ◐                                     | ●   | ◐  | ◐                             | ◐                       | ◐           | N/A  | ●                   |
| District One Hospital             | Faribault, MN   | ●                    | ●                                 | ●                          | ●                                     | ●                                     | ●   | ●  | ●                             | ●                       | ●           | ●  | ●                   |
| Fairview Lakes Medical Center     | Wyoming, MN     | ●                    | ●                                 | ●                          | ●                                     | ●                                     | ●   | ●  | ●                             | ●                       | ●           | ●  | ●                   |
| Fairview Northland Hospital       | Princeton, MN   | ●                    | ●                                 | ●                          | ●                                     | ●                                     | ●   | ●  | ●                             | ●                       |             | ●  |                     |
| Fairview Red Wing Medical Center  | Red Wing, MN    | ●                    | ●                                 | ●                          | ●                                     | ●                                     | ●   | ●  | ●                             | ●                       |             | ●  | ●                   |
| Fairview Ridges Hospital          | Burnsville, MN  | ●                    | ●                                 | ●                          | ●                                     | ●                                     | ●   | ●  | ●                             | ●                       | ●           | ●  |                     |
| Fairview Southdale Hospital       | Edina, MN       | ●                    | ●                                 | ●                          | ◐                                     | ◐                                     | ●   | ●  | ◐                             | ●                       | ◐           | ●  | ●                   |
| Gillette Children's Hospital      | St. Paul, MN    | ●                    | ●                                 | N/A                        | ●                                     | ●                                     | ●   | ●  | ●                             | ●                       | ●           | N/A  | ●                   |
| Glencoe Regional Health Services  | Glencoe, MN     |                      | ●                                 | ●                          |                                       | ●                                     | ●   | ●  | ◐                             | ◐                       |             | ●  |                     |
| HealthEast St. John's Hospital    | Maplewood, MN   | ●                    | ●                                 | ●                          | ●                                     | ●                                     | ●   | ●  | ●                             | ●                       | ●           | ●  | ●                   |
| HealthEast St. Joseph's Hospital  | St. Paul, MN    | ●                    | ●                                 | ●                          | ●                                     | ●                                     | ●   | ●  | ●                             | ●                       | ●           | ●  | ●                   |
| Hennepin County Medical Center    | Minneapolis, MN | ◐                    | ◐                                 | ●                          | ◐                                     | ●                                     | ●   | ◐  | ◐                             | ◐                       | ◐           | ◐  |                     |
| Hudson Hospital                   | Hudson, WI      | ●                    | ●                                 | ●                          | ●                                     | ●                                     |   | ●  | ◐                             | ●                       | ◐           | ●  | ●                   |
| Innovis Health                    | Fargo, ND       | ●                    |                                   | ●                          | ●                                     | ●                                     | ●   | ●  | ●                             | ●                       | ◐           | ●  | ●                   |
| Lakeview Hospital                 | Stillwater, MN  | ●                    | ●                                 | ●                          | ●                                     |                                       | ●   | ◐  | ◐                             |                         | ●           | ●  |                     |
| Mahnomen Health Center            | Mahomen, MN     | ●                    | ●                                 | ●                          | N/A                                   | ●                                     | N/A   | ●  | N/A                           | ●                       | ●           | ●  | ●                   |
| Mercy Hospital - Coon Rapids      | Coon Rapids, MN | ●                    | ●                                 | ●                          | ●                                     | ●                                     | ●   | ●  | ◐                             | ●                       |             | ◐  | ◐                   |

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| ● Fully implemented | ◐ Good progress toward implementing | ◑ Good early stage effort toward implementing | N/P Hospital does not perform procedure |
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| Name of Hospital                       | City, State         | Rapid response teams | Prevention of adverse drug events | Improved care for acute MI | Prevention of surgical site infection | Prevention of central line infections | Prevention of ventilator-associated pneumonia | Prevent harm from high-alert medications | Reduce surgical complications | Prevent pressure ulcers | Reduce MRSA | Deliver reliable evidence-based care for CHF | Get boards on board |
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| MeritCare Hospital                     | Fargo, ND           | ●                    | ◐                                 | ●                          | ●                                     | ◐                                     | ◐   | ◐  | ◐                             |                         |             | ●  | ●                   |
| Park Nicollet Methodist Hospital       | St. Louis Park, MN  | ●                    | ●                                 | ●                          | ●                                     | ●                                     | ●   | ●  | ●                             | ●                       | ●           | ●  | ●                   |
| Miller Dwan Medical Center             | Duluth, MN          | ●                    | ●                                 | ●                          | ●                                     | ●                                     | ●   | ●  | ●                             | ◐                       | ●           | ●  | ◐                   |
| Monticello Big Lake Community Hospital | Monticello, MN      | ●                    | ●                                 | ◐                          | ●                                     | ●                                     | ●   | ◐  | ●                             | ●                       | ◐           | ◐  |                     |
| North Country Regional Hospital        | Bemidji, MN         | ●                    | ◐                                 | ●                          | ●                                     | ●                                     | ●   |  | ●                             |                         |             | ●  | ●                   |
| New Ulm Medical Center                 | New Ulm, MN         | ●                    | ●                                 | ●                          | ●                                     | ●                                     | ●   | ●  | ◐                             | ●                       |             | ◐  | ◐                   |
| North Memorial Medical Center          | Robbinsdale, MN     | ●                    | ●                                 | ●                          | ●                                     | ●                                     | ●   | ●  | ●                             | ●                       | ●           | ●  | ●                   |
| Owatonna Hospital                      | Owatonna, MN        | ●                    | ●                                 | ●                          | ●                                     | ●                                     | ●   | ●  | ◐                             | ●                       |             | ◐  | ◐                   |
| Paynesville Area Hospital              | Paynesville, MN     |                      | ◐                                 | ●                          | ●                                     | ●                                     | ●   | ●  | ●                             | ●                       |             | ◐  | ◐                   |
| Regina Medical Center                  | Hastings, MN        | ●                    | ●                                 | ●                          | ●                                     | ●                                     | ●   | ●  | ●                             | ◐                       | ●           | ●  |                     |
| Regions Hospital                       | St. Paul, MN        | ●                    | ●                                 | ●                          | ●                                     | ●                                     | ●   | ●  | ●                             | ●                       | ●           | ●  | ●                   |
| River Falls Area Hospital              | River Falls, WI     | ●                    | ●                                 | ●                          | ●                                     | ●                                     | ●   | ●  | ◐                             | ●                       |             | ◐  | ◐                   |
| St. Cloud Hospital                     | St. Cloud, MN       | ●                    |                                   | ●                          | ◐                                     | ●                                     | ●   | ◐  | ◐                             | ◐                       | ◐           | ●  | ◐                   |
| St. Croix Regional Medical Center      | St. Croix Falls, MN |                      | ●                                 | ●                          | ●                                     | ●                                     | ●   |  |                               | ●                       |             | ●  |                     |
| St. Francis Regional Medical Center    | Shakopee, MN        | ●                    | ●                                 | ●                          | ●                                     | ●                                     | ●   | ●  | ◐                             | ●                       |             | ◐  | ◐                   |
| St. Luke's Hospital                    | Duluth, MN          | ●                    | ◐                                 | ●                          | ●                                     | ●                                     | ●   | ●  | ●                             | ●                       | ●           | ●  | ◐                   |
| St. Peter Community Hospital           | St. Peter, MN       | ●                    | ●                                 | ●                          | ●                                     | ●                                     | ●   |  | ●                             | ●                       |             | ●  |                     |
| Stevens Community Medical Center       | Morris, MN          | ●                    | ●                                 | ●                          | ●                                     | ●                                     | ●   | ●  | ●                             | ●                       | ●           | ●  |                     |
| United Hospital                        | St. Paul, MN        | ●                    | ●                                 | ●                          | ●                                     | ●                                     | ●   | ●  | ◐                             | ●                       |             | ◐  | ◐                   |
| Unity Hospital                         | Fridley, MN         | ●                    | ●                                 | ●                          | ●                                     | ●                                     | ●   | ●  | ◐                             | ●                       |             | ◐  | ◐                   |
| University of Minnesota Medical Center | Minneapolis, MN     | ◐                    | ●                                 | ●                          | ●                                     | ●                                     | ◐   | ●  | ●                             | ●                       | ●           | ●  | ◐                   |
| Woodwinds Health Campus                | Woodbury, MN        | ●                    | ●                                 | ●                          | ●                                     | ●                                     | ●   | ●  | ●                             | ●                       | ●           | ●  | ●                   |

## ABOUT THE 5 MILLION LIVES CAMPAIGN *(continued)*

- **Preventing Ventilator-associated Pneumonia**—by implementing a series of interdependent, scientifically grounded steps.
- **Preventing Harm from High-alert Medications**—initially focusing on anticoagulants, sedatives, narcotics and insulin.
- **Reducing Surgical Complications**—by implementing changes in care recommended by the Surgical Care Improvement Project.
- **Preventing Pressure Ulcers**—by using science-based guidelines.
- **Reducing Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus Auereus (MRSA)**—by implementing scientifically proven infection control practices.
- **Delivering Reliable Evidence-based Care for Congestive Heart Failure (CHF)**—to reduce readmissions.
- **Getting Boards on Board**—by implementing processes to help hospital board of directors become more effective in accelerating care improvements.

Note: Network hospitals submitted information about their level of participation in this campaign by completing a survey developed by Patient Choice. Results were collected during the summer of 2007. More information about this campaign is available on the Institute for Healthcare Improvement's Web site at [www.ihl.org](http://www.ihl.org).

**FACILITY LISTING:** Below is a list of facilities that appear in this guide. Facilities are listed alphabetically by their 2008 tier assignment.

**Tier 1**

Baldwin Area Medical Center  
www.baldwinhospital.com  
Baldwin, WI

Buffalo Hospital  
www.buffalohospital.org  
Buffalo, MN

Burnett Medical Center  
www.burnettmedicalcenter.com  
Grantsburg, WI

Cambridge Medical Center  
www.cambridgemedicalcenter.com  
Cambridge, MN

Center For Diagnostic Imaging  
www.cd radiology.com

Community Memorial Hospital  
www.cloquethospital.com  
Cloquet, MN

Consulting Radiologists, Ltd  
www.consultingradiologists.com

Dakota Clinic Day Surgery At Innovis  
www.dakotaclinic.com  
Fargo, ND

Dakota Clinic Regional Health  
www.dakotaclinic.com  
Thief River Falls, MN

Fairview Lakes Medical Center  
www.lakes.fairview.org  
Wyoming, MN

Fairview Northland Medical Center  
www.northland.fairview.org  
Princeton, MN

Fairview Red Wing Medical Center  
www.redwing.fairview.org  
Red Wing, MN

Fairview Ridges Hospital  
www.ridges.fairview.org  
Burnsville, MN

Fairview Southdale Hospital  
www.southdale.fairview.org  
Edina, MN

Fairview University Medical Center - Mesabi  
www.range.fairview.org  
Hibbing, MN

First Care Medical Services  
Fosston, MN

Hayward Area Memorial Hospital  
www.hamhnh.com  
Hayward, WI

HealthSouth Centennial Lake  
Surgery Center  
Edina, MN

Innovis Health  
www.dakotaclinic.com/Innovis  
Fargo, ND

Lakeview Hospital  
www.lakeview.org  
Stillwater, MN

Lakewalk Surgery Center  
www.lakewalk.com  
Duluth, MN

Lifescan Minnesota Stand Up MRI  
www.lifescanminnesotastandupmri.com  
St Louis Park, MN

Memorial Medical Center  
www.ashlandmmc.com  
Ashland, WI

Mercy Hospital - Moose Lake  
www.mercymooselake.org  
Moose Lake, MN

MeritCare Hospital  
www.meritcare.com  
Fargo, ND

Minneapolis Radiology  
www.mplsrad.com

Minnesota Radiology  
www.mnrad.com

MNGI Endoscopy ASC, Inc  
www.mngiastro.com

Monticello Big Lake Community  
Hospital  
www.mblch.com  
Monticello, MN

New Ulm Medical Center  
www.newulmmedicalcenter.com  
New Ulm, MN

North Memorial Medical Center  
www.northmemorial.com  
Robbinsdale, MN

Orthopaedic Institute Surgery Center  
www.abbottnorthwestern.com  
Edina, MN

Owatonna Hospital  
www.owatonnahospital.com  
Owatonna, MN

Park Nicollet Methodist Hospital  
www.parknicollet.com/methodist  
Saint Louis Park, MN 55426

Pavilion Surgery Center  
www.slhduluth.com/hospital/  
pavilion-center  
Duluth, MN

Queen of Peace Hospital  
www.queenofpeacehospital.org  
New Prague, MN

Regina Medical Center  
www.reginamedical.org  
Hastings, MN

Regions Hospital  
www.regionshospital.com  
Saint Paul, MN

Rice County District One Hospital  
www.districtonehospital.com  
Faribault, MN

Ridgeview Medical Center  
www.ridgeviewmedical.org  
Waconia, MN

River Falls Area Hospital  
www.riverfallsareahospital.com  
River Falls, WI

St. Luke's Hospital  
www.slhduluth.com  
Duluth, MN

St. Paul Radiology, P.A.  
www.stpaulradiology.com

Suburban Imaging  
www.subrad.com

TRIA Orthopaedic Center ASC, LLC  
www.tria.com  
Bloomington, MN

University of Minnesota Medical  
Center  
www.fairview-university.fairview.org  
Minneapolis, MN

Virginia Regional Medical Center  
www.vrmc.org  
Virginia, MN

Westhealth, Inc - Surgery Center  
www.westhealth.com  
Plymouth, MN

**Tier 2**

Abbott Northwestern Hospital  
www.abbottnorthwestern.com  
Minneapolis, MN

Chippewa County Montevideo  
Hospital  
www.montevideomedical.com  
Montevideo, MN

Eleah Medical Center  
www.eleahmed.org  
Elbow Lake, MN

Granite Falls Municipal Hospital &  
Manor  
www.gfmhm.com  
Granite Falls, MN

HealthEast St. John's Hospital  
www.stjohnshospital-mn.org  
Maplewood, MN

HealthEast St. Joseph's Hospital  
www.stjosephs-stpaul.org  
Saint Paul, MN

Hennepin County Medical Center  
www.hcmc.org  
Minneapolis, MN

Hudson Hospital  
www.hudsonhospital.org  
Hudson, WI

Hutchinson Community Hospital  
www.hahc-hmc.com  
Hutchinson, MN

Landmark Surgery Center  
www.summitortho.com  
Saint Paul, MN

Melrose Area Hospital  
www.centracare.com  
Melrose, MN

Mercy Hospital - Coon Rapids  
www.allinamercy.org  
Coon Rapids, MN

Northfield Hospital  
www.northfieldhospital.org  
Northfield, MN

Park Nicollet CT MR Imaging Center  
www.parknicollet.com

St. Cloud Outpatient Surgery, Ltd  
Saint Cloud, MN

St. Croix Regional Medical Center  
www.scmc.org  
Saint Croix Falls, WI

St. Francis Regional Medical Center  
www.stfrancis-shakopee.com  
Shakopee, MN

Stevens Community Medical Center  
www.scmcmorris.com  
Morris, MN

United Hospital  
www.unitedhospital.com  
Saint Paul, MN

Unity Hospital  
www.allinaunity.org  
Fridley, MN

Westfields Hospital  
www.healthpartners.com  
New Richmond, WI

Woodbury Ambulatory Surgical  
Center  
www.summitortho.com  
Woodbury, MN

Woodwinds Health Campus  
www.woodwinds.org  
Woodbury, MN

**Tier 3**

Center For Outpatient Surgery  
www.abbottnorthwestern.com  
Sartell, MN

Children's Health Care - West  
www.childrensmn.org  
Minnetonka, MN

Children's Hospital - Minneapolis  
www.childrensmn.org  
Minneapolis, MN

Children's Hospital - St. Paul  
www.childrensmn.org  
Saint Paul, MN

Gillette Children's Hospital  
www.gillettechildrens.org  
St Paul, MN

Glacial Ridge Hospital  
www.glacialridge.org  
Glenwood, MN

Glencoe Regional Health Services  
www.grhsonline.org  
Glencoe, MN

HealthEast Surgery Center  
www.healtheast.org

HealthPartners Same Day  
Surgery Center  
www.regionshospital.com  
St Paul, MN

High Pointe Surgery Center  
www.hpsurgery.com  
Lake Elmo, MN

LifeDiagnostics Imaging  
www.hfahealth.com

Paynesville Area Hospital  
www.pahcs.com  
Paynesville, MN

Riverside Endoscopy Center  
www.umphysicians.umn.edu  
Minneapolis, MN

St. Cloud Hospital  
www.centracare.com  
Saint Cloud, MN

Wheaton Community Hospital  
www.wheatonhealthcare.org  
Wheaton, MN





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