



Anthem Care Comparison Now Available in California

Anthem Blue Cross wants to make sure our members and local employers have the tools they need to make informed, effective health care choices. That's why we've developed Anthem Care Comparison, a tool to make helpful information available to our members.

What is Anthem Care Comparison?

Anthem Care Comparison is an innovative comparison tool that discloses real price ranges for common services at specified area facilities (including the facility, professional and ancillary services). The price ranges include not only the surgery itself, but a bundle of related services typically performed at the time of the procedure. The Anthem Care Comparison tool includes information for 35 total medical procedures and common office visits.

Price information is based on average professional/ancillary fees as well as agreements between Anthem Blue Cross and each network facility. Frequency data is both self reported by the individual facilities and includes their volume for all payers and collected from the California Health and Human Services Agency (OSHPD-Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development). This program will not affect the provider's contractual status with Anthem. Price is one factor that a member can use to select a facility for services. Because Anthem Blue Cross provides this information on price, it allows the member to participate in the overall decision of their care.

If you're an Anthem Blue Cross provider and have questions about the tool, please contact your contract manager representative.