

Becoming a Wise HealthCare Consumer

Agenda



Insurance Terminology



Where to Go for Care



Medica Resources



Prescription Drug



Aurora Community Services Benefits

Did you know...

- Roughly <u>20</u>% of adults receives an annual exam each year
- On average, it can cost TWICE as much to treat common conditions like strep throat in urgent care versus in a retail clinic setting
- Research indicates that <u>72</u>% of ER visits are unnecessary
- On average visiting the Emergency Room for a primary care treatable condition will cost <u>10</u> times more than going to Urgent Care
- The price of brand-name drugs cost about <u>80-85</u>% more than generic drugs
- <u>14</u>% of Americans won't fill their prescription drugs due to cost





Understanding Self-Funded vs Fully-Funded Plans

	Self-Funded	Fully-Funded
Savings	Lower admin costs Higher savings to organization as it doesn't pay the insurance company's profit	Premiums are usually higher as the financial and insurance risk as passed on to the insurance company
Flexibility to choose benefits	Employer has most flexibility on benefits available to the health plan	Limited options
Cash flow	Medical claims are paid as and when they occur	Employer pays a fixed monthly premium to insurance company irrespective of the level of member claims
Financial risk	Employer retains the financial risk arising out of claims much higher than expectations.	Insurance company retains payment of all medical claims

Question:

Which word best defines...

The amount you pay out-of-pocket for healthcare expenses before an insurance provider will pay expenses.

- A. Premium
- B. Co-pay
- C. Deductible
- D. Coinsurance
- E. Out of pocket maximum



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Coinsurance, Deductible, Premium, Out of Pocket Maximum

Premium

The amount you pay each month, even if you don't use your insurance.

Deductible

The amount you pay before an insurance provider will start paying for healthcare expenses.

Coinsurance

Coinsurance is a percentage fee that you pay for medical services or supplies once your deductible has been paid.

Out of Pocket Maximum

The most you have to pay for covered services in a plan year.

Question:

Which type of account can you earn a triple tax benefit?

- 1) Tax deduction when you contribute to your account
- 2) Tax-free investment earnings
- 3) Tax-free withdrawals for qualified expenses

A. Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA)

B. Health Savings Account (HSA)



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HRA vs HSA

Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA)

- Employer-funded and owned group health plans
- Employees are reimbursed tax-free for qualified medical expenses up to a fixed dollar amount per year
- Serves as a bridge between the High Deductible Plan and your out-of-pocket expense.

Health Savings Account (HSA)

- Triple tax benefit
- Used to cover medical expenses not covered by the insurance plan or the Health Reimbursement Arrangement
- Employee funded and owned
- Can only contribute to HSA if you have a High Deductible Health Plan (HDHP)
- Can be used for deductibles, copays, coinsurance and some other expenses, but not insurance premiums (except Medicare Part B, C, D and Medicare Advantage premiums)



Additional Information - HSA

Why you should set up an account?

- Personal savings account set up at your bank or financial institution
- IRA for health care (Triple Tax Benefit)
- Use your Health Savings Account for qualified medical expenses
- Funds in your Health Savings Account roll over each year and they can grow tax deferred
- You decide how to spend the funds on <u>qualified medical expenses</u>
- You decide how much to contribute-up to the maximum amount.
- Maximum contributions 2023 and 2024
 - Single \$3,850, \$4,150
 - Family \$7,750, \$8,300
 - 55 or older-catch-up contribution of \$1,000



Question:

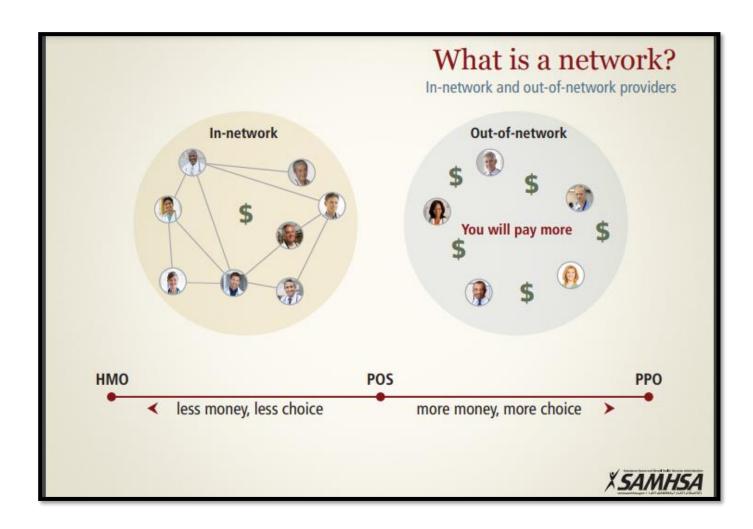
Do you get better pricing for services by seeing an in-network provider or out-of-network provider?



A. In-network

B. Out-of- network

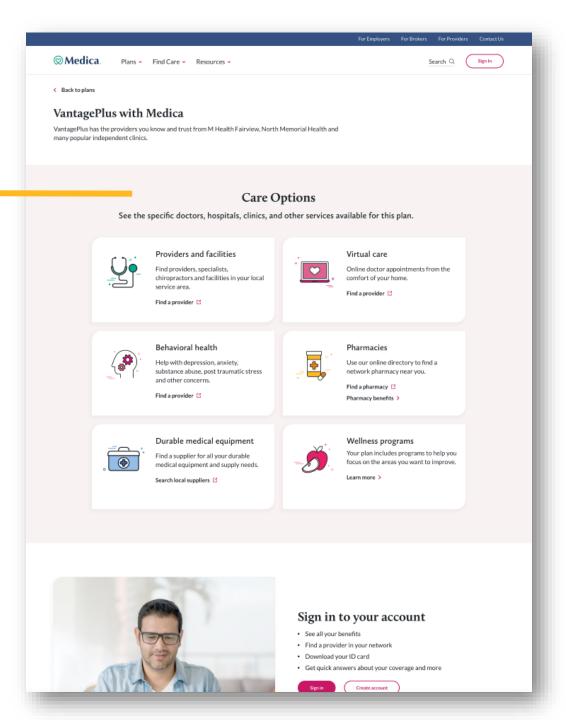
In-Network vs. Out-of-Network



Find care

Easily search for:

- Providers and facilities
- Virtual care
- Pharmacies
- Behavioral health
- Medical equipment
- Wellness programs
- and more





Your Role in Your Health Care

- Take an active role in your health care
- Many problems can be prevented
 - Early detection
 - Lifestyle choices
- Take the time to research your options



Connection Between Dental Care and Physical Health

Mayo Clinic, studies suggest that oral bacteria and inflammation associated with gum disease may contribute to any number of serious conditions, including:

- Endocarditis
- Cardiovascular disease
- Pregnancy and birth complications
- Pneumonia other respiratory conditions
- Diabetes
- And links to other conditions, including rheumatoid arthritis, Alzheimer's, and dementia.



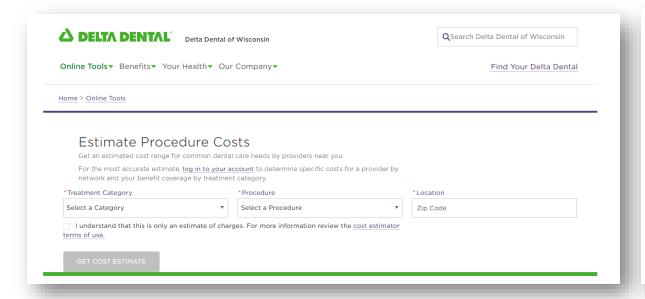
Additional Dental Care Information

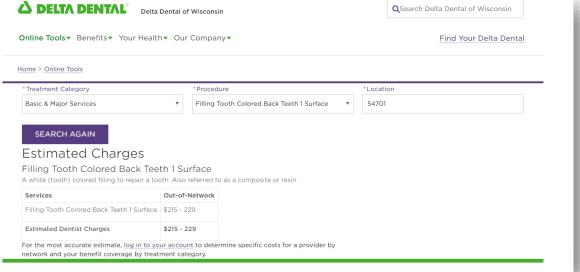


- More than 90% of all common diseases have oral symptoms
- Cavities can lead to loss of appetite, decreased focus, and depression
- What's available to you?
 - 2 preventive cleanings per benefit year
 - Eligible for 2 additional dental visits in a benefit year for adult prophylaxis for periodontal disease, diabetes, high risk cardiac conditions, suppressed immune system conditions, kidney failure/dialysis conditions, cancer related chemo and/or radiation
 - Eligible for 1 additional dental visit in a benefit year for pregnancy
 - Fluoride applications twice per benefit year for dependent children up to age 19
 - Full mouth x-rays 5-year intervals
 - Bitewing x-rays once per benefit year (limited to 4 images)

Estimate Dental Procedure Costs

https://www.deltadentalwi.com/s/estimate-procedure-costs





Question:

For which of the following ailments would it be appropriate to seek treatment at a retail clinic...



- A. Chest pain
- B. Strep throat
- C. Preventive care
- D. Trouble breathing

Where To Go For Care

- Primary care is preferred when it isn't an emergency
- Only use ER in a life-threaten situation
- Know the difference between primary care and care received in the ER, and how costs may differ



Comparing Care Options

Condition	Virtual Care/E-visit	Convenience Care*	Primary Care Clinic	Urgent Care	Emergency Department
Allergies	\$42	\$79	\$191	\$200	\$733
Bronchitis, Acute	\$42	\$78	\$174	\$242	\$1,074
Earache	\$42	\$78	\$174	\$229	\$779
Pink Eye	\$42	\$75	\$140	\$184	\$621
Sinusitis, acute	\$42	\$81	\$163	\$220	\$1,069
Sinusitis, chronic	\$42	\$88	\$216	\$295	\$1,154
Strep Throat / Tonsillitis	\$42	\$87	\$168	\$231	\$1,043
Urinary Tract Infection	\$42	\$79	\$177	\$247	\$1,264

Primary Care vs. Emergency Care

	Primary Care Provider (PCP)	Emergency Department
Costs	Preventive care covered at 100%Covered 100% after deductibleAverage primary care visit - \$150-\$300	- Covered 75% after deductible - Average cost in MN - \$1,500
When to visit	- When you feel sick and when you feel well	- Only when you are injured or very sick
Time	- Short wait due to scheduled appointment	- May wait for a few minutes up to several hours but open 24/7
Who you see	- See the same provider each time	- See the provider working that day
Ongoing support	Have access to your health recordsMonitor chronic conditionsWill check other areas of your health	Don't have access to your health recordsDo not know what chronic conditions you haveWill only check urgent issue

Telemedicine, Retail Clinic or Urgent Care

	Telemedicine	Retail Clinic	Urgent Care
Costs	Covered 75% after deductibleTypically \$50-\$70	Covered 75% afterdeductibleTypically \$100-\$140	Covered 75% afterdeductibleTypically \$100-\$200
When to visit	 Common minor conditions like allergies, cold/flu, infections, insect bites, skin conditions, etc. 	 Common minor conditions like allergies, cold/flu, infections, insect bites, skin conditions, etc. 	- Illness or injury that does not appear to be life threatening but can't wait until the next day or when drs. office is closed
Time	A few minutes to a few hours(depending on response time)Do not need to leave home	- Walk in with wait times typically under an hour	- Walk in with wait times typically under an hour
Who you see	- Nurse practitioners	 Nurse practitioner or a physician 	 Family practice and emergency medicine doctors
Ongoing support	 Will only check issue identified 	- Will only check issue identified	- Will only check issue identified

Care Option Summary

Cost differences









Low cost

FREE
Medica CallLink ®

Virtual care
E-visits
Convenience care
Retail clinics

\$\$Office visit

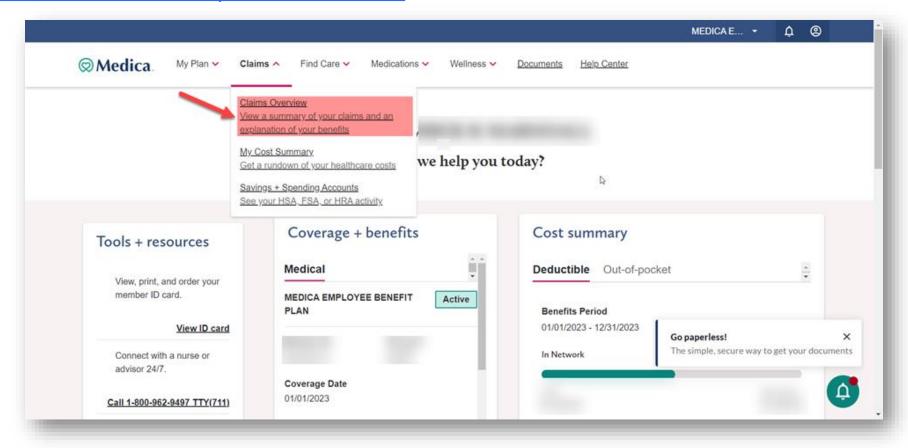
\$\$\$Urgent care

High cost

\$\$\$\$Emergency
Room

How to Retrieve Your EOB

Choose Claims overview from the claims drop down menu – https://memberauth.medicahealthplan.medica.com/



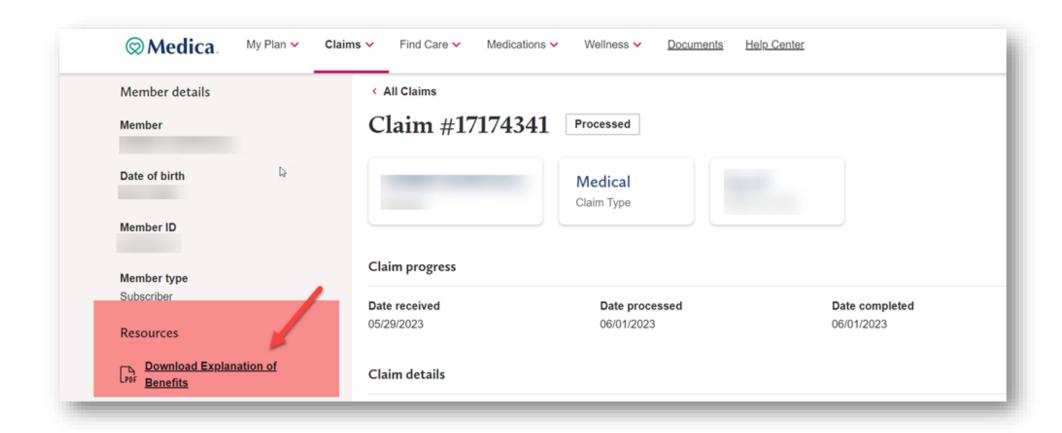
How to Retrieve Your EOB

Choose the claim that you need the EOB for. Do not choose an RX claim. An EOB will not be produced in WI if there is a member liability.



How to Retrieve Your EOB

Click Download on the left hand of the screen



Understanding your EOB

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EXPLANATION OF BENEFITS - THIS IS NOT A BILL

Claim Number: 77033051-00			Par/Non:	Р	Provider: W	elby MD	, Marcus			
Date(s) of Service /	Charges	Allowed Amount	Patient Non-	Provider	Notes	Deductible	Copay	Coinsurance	Paid	Amount You
Description			Covered	Responsibility	ID				Amount	Owe
01/15/21	204.00	168.07	0.00	35.93	0.00	0.00	0.00	33.61	134.46	33.61
OFFICE VISIT										
TOTALS	204.00	168.07	0.00	35.93	0.00	0.00	0.00	33.61	134.46	33.61

Total Amount You Owe 33.61



Resource: Medica App

- Search "Medica Member" in App Store or Google Play
- Access to:
 - ID card
 - View plan benefits
 - Check status of claims
 - Provider/clinic
 - Documents/forms

Medica member mobile app



Your on-the-go health plan resource

You have an easy way to access your health plan information through your mobile device. Explore the Medica member mobile app. It's your one-stop resource to manage your health plan benefits from any device, at any time.

Forgot your ID card? Need to search for a provider quickly? Wondering about a recent claim? No problem. Your health plan information is always with you on the app.

You can:

- . Download your ID card to your mobile wallet
- View plan benefits
- . Check the status of recent claims
- · Find a provider or clinic in your network
- · Explore your plan's resources
- · Go green and get your plan materials online
- · Find documents and forms easily
- · Get answers and info about your plan quickly
- · Receive important alerts about your plan



Search for "Medica Member" in the App Store or Google Play and download the app today.

Want to access your health plan information online? Go to **Medica.com/SignIn** from your computer to access your Medica member website.



Have questions? We're here to help.

Call Member Services at the number on the back of your Medica ID card (TTY: 711).

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Resource: Medica CallLink

Medica CallLink®





Put worries to rest with 24/7 support

Medica CallLink connects you with trusted advisors and nurses to get the health answers you need—at no extra cost.

Features you'll love

- Learn more about a diagnosis.
- Decide what type of care will meet your needs.
- Understand symptoms and treatment options.
- Make a plan to add healthy habits to your day.
- Discover the right way to take your medications.
- · Find a doctor or hospital and make an appointment.
- Get information on preventive screening services and immunizations.
- Access a 1,000+ audio library on many health and wellness topics.



Need help? We're here.

Talk with an advisor or nurse, 24/7. 1 (800) 962-9497 (TTY: 711).

*Medica CallLink is not available with all Medica plans. If the CallLink phone number is not listed on the back of your Medica ID card, and you want to see if your plan includes this service, please contact Customer Service. The Customer Service number is listed on the back of your Medica ID card. The information offered by this service is not intended to be a substitute for professional medical advice. Always seek the advice of your physician or other qualified health providers with questions you may have regarding a medical condition. No part of this service is intended to provide a medical diagnosis or treatment.

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Resource: Medica Behavioral Health Telehealth Options

TELEHEALTH RESOURCE	HOW TO USE IT
Medica Behavioral Health Network ³	Visit Medica.com/FindCare Select your health plan
Many of the behavioral health providers in our large network offer virtual care	 Click on "Start here" within the "Behavioral health" tile Search by provider name, condition, expertise, program, specialty, gender, or ethnicity. Check "virtual visit (Online Therapy)" to review options To schedule online, create an account (HealthSafe ID). Enter your Medica member ID number during registration. You can also click to call, email, or visit a provider's website
Amwell, 24/7 Online Clinic ⁴ Experienced therapists and prescribers provide care and counseling for a variety of conditions	 To get started, create an account with Amwell at Amwell.com/cm or download the free app from the App Store or Google Play or Call 1 (844) 733-3627 (TTY: 711) Select a provider and follow the prompts to start or schedule your visit⁵
Talkspace ⁴ Helps you work with a licensed therapist anywhere, anytime. Send private messages (text, voice) or schedule live video sessions	 Go to Talkspace.com/Connect Select "Medica" in the drop-down menu under "Use my Insurance Benefits" Enter the information exactly as it appears on your Medica ID card Answer a few simple questions to get started Get matched with a provider, typically within 48 hours

Resource: Medica Mental Health and Substance Use

RESOURCE	CONSIDER USING IF YOU WANT TO	HOW TO USE IT
Medica Behavioral Health ^{5M 3} Behavioral health services that include mental health and substance abuse care	Find a provider to best meet your needs. Our behavioral health network includes more than 278,400 providers nationwide, including virtual care providers Connect with a counselor (in-person or virtually) in times of stress, anxiety, or crisis Ask a billing or claim question Learn more about your behavioral health benefits Get expert support to better understand substance abuse disorder (SUD) treatment options	Call 1 (800) 848-8327 any time to talk with a care advocate about any behavioral health questions or Visit Medica.com/FindCare. Select your plan and click on "Start here" within the "Behavioral health" tile Search by provider name, location, specialty, treatment option ethnicity, gender, and more If you need care right away, select the "Express Access Provider" filter to find a provider who offers appointments within five business days Choose a virtual visit if an in-person visit is not accessible or convenient Click to call, email, or visit a provider's website See patient reviews or submit a review of your provider
Live and Work Well website ¹ 24/7 online access to support, self-help resources, information, and behavioral health care	Answer a few questions online and get behavioral health care suggestions instead of talking to someone on the phone Explore care options to find the right support and benefits for you Get resources to help with behavioral health, stress, depression, family issues, money, parenting, and much more Use the confidential SUD helpline at no extra cost	Get direct access to a substance use recovery advocate 24/7 at 1 (855) 780-5955 (TTY: 711) or live chat Go to LiveAndWorkWell.com Enter access code MEDICA to explore your benefits Create an account to access self-help resources and the claims center Enter your Medica member ID number found on your Medica ID card

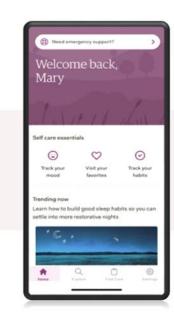
RESOURCE	CONSIDER USING IF YOU WANT TO	HOW TO USE IT
Family Support Program Clinical expertise and care navigation support for caregivers of children (ages 0 - 18) with complex behavioral health needs	Connect with an advocate trained in pediatric conditions who can find health care providers and resources that fit a child's needs Get help coordinating care with community agencies Learn more about a condition, treatment options, or community resources	Call Medica Behavioral Health at 1 (800) 848-8327 to learn more about the program or ask to be connected to a Family Support Program Advocate You can also call directly at 1 (877) 495-9422 (Note: you may be asked to leave a message and a Family Support Program advocate will follow up with you)
Family Support Navigator An interactive online tool that helps parents and caregivers find the right resources for children who may have autism or depression	Find the right care for your child who may have autism or depression The Family Support Navigator creates a step-by-step action plan that's just for you Learn how to navigate the health care system, who to talk to, what to ask, and what to expect in the process	Visit LiveAndWorkWell.com, register with the number found on your Medica ID card or use the guest code "Medica," and click on "get support for your family" In the search field, enter "Family Support Navigator"

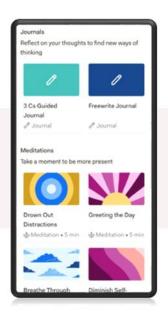
Self Care by AbleTo

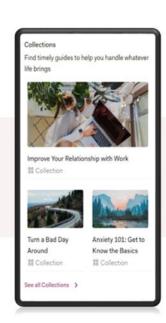
- Overall goal: Empowers individuals to engage with coping tools, meditations, sleep tracking, healthy
 habits, and more to improve their mental health and build life skills.
- Eligibility: Medica members 13 years and older as part of their Medica Behavioral Health Plan

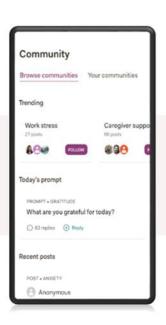
Program features:

- Assessments and tracking
- Mental health skills and tools
- Collections
- Community (coming soon)
- Find Care Connect with a therapist online
- Getting started:
 - Go to AbleTo.com/Begin
 - Choose "Get started" and enter "Medica" for access









Resource: Virtual Care Options

YOUR CLINIC

Many clinics offer virtual care, online care, or e-visits. Visit **Medica.com/FindaDoctor** to see which clinics in your plan's network offer virtual care services.

HOW IT WORKS

Check with your clinic to see if it offers virtual care and how you can connect with your provider online.

AMWELL

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Amwell is a 24/7 online clinic available in every state.

Services:

- Treatment of common medical conditions. Each visit is \$64 or less, depending on your plan's coverage for virtual care.
- Behavioral health care services, including therapy and psychiatry. Cost per visit may vary depending on your plan and type of service. Eligible services are covered under your plan as a behavioral health office visit.*
- Amwell also offers other online services, but it's not an in-network provider for them. You can use those services, but you'll pay the full cost.

HOW IT WORKS

You have a video visit with a board-certified doctor or nurse practitioner using the web or mobile app.

- 1. To get started, create an Amwell account:
- Smartphone/tablet: Download the free Amwell app from the App Store or Google Play
- Computer: Go to Amwell.com/cm
- Phone: Call (844) 733-3627
- Enter your email address, create a password, then add the requested insurance information from your Medica ID card.
- Select a doctor or nurse practitioner and follow the prompts to start your visit.
- The provider will review your history, answer questions, diagnose, treat, and prescribe medication (if needed).
- If you need a prescription, it'll be sent to your pharmacy. The cost of your prescription will be based on your plan's prescription drug coverage.

VIRTUWELL



Virtuwell is a 24/7 online clinic available in select states.**

Virtuwell is not an in-network provider for the following plan networks: Altru and You with Medica[™], Clear Value with Medica[™] and VantagePlus with Medica[™].

Services:

 Treatment of common medical conditions. Check the virtuwell website for current pricing. Visits are typically \$59 or less, depending on your plan's coverage for virtual care.

HOW IT WORKS

You have an online visit with a certified nurse practitioner.

- Go to Virtuwell.com and take a quick online interview that checks your medical history and makes sure your problem can be treated online.
- If you can be treated online, you'll create an account with your contact, insurance, pharmacy, and payment information.
- A nurse practitioner will review your case and write a personalized treatment plan. You'll get an email or text when your plan is ready.
- If a prescription is needed, it'll be sent to your pharmacy. The cost of your prescription will be based on your plan's prescription drug coverage.

Resource: My Health Rewards

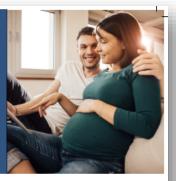
Earn up to \$220/year on rewards

See a list of all the ways you can earn Go to the Rewards page Click on Learn How to Earn More Points A monthly statement, also under the Rewards page, gives you a summary of the points you've earned. Your points add up throughout the year. PULSECASH **WAYS TO EARN** POINTS **REWARD TYPE** REWARD AMOUNT 2,000 \$10 E-gift card or other options 10,000 \$20 E-gift card or other options EARN PROGRAM POINTS 25,000 \$50 E-gift card or other options 40,000 \$80 E-gift card or other options \$160 per year Track* any combination of the following activities on 20 or more days in a calendar month to earn a 20-DAY TRIPLE TRACKER | bonus reward: \$5 per month E-gift card or other options 7,000 steps a day and/or; 15 active minutes a day and/or: 15 workout minutes a day. \$60 per year \$220 in rewards E-gift card or other options Point-based rewards + 20-day triple tracker rewards = potential per year *You must connect your fitness tracker to your My Questions? Health Rewards account. Manual tracking of steps and active minutes will not count toward earning the Medica.Support@VirginPulse.com or monthly reward. 1 (833) 450-4074. Or use the Chat button Go to the mobile app or sign in to your account at if you're using a web browser.

Medica.com/MyHealthRewards to get started.

Resource: Ovia Health

Ovia Health



Digital tools for modern parenthood

Ovia Health apps give you on-demand, personalized support throughout your parenthood journey. They can help you track your period, get pregnant, and understand your pregnancy symptoms. With Ovia Health apps, you'll even learn how to stay healthy after your baby arrives.

With Ovia Health apps, you get:

A health assessment and symptom tracking

Get alerts and personal coaching when you need it.

Calendars, updates, and checklists

Use a pregnancy calendar, daily baby updates, and a development checklist to track milestones for you and your baby.

Health and wellness programs

Explore health and wellness programs to help you learn about infertility, sexual health, birth planning, preterm delivery, mental health, breastfeeding, and more.

Unlimited one-on-one coaching

Send instant messages to registered nurse health coaches to ask all your questions.

Benefits library

Learn about all of your health care benefits from one, easy-to-find place.

Career and return-to-work programs

Find coaching and career advice about maternity leave, returning to work, and being a working parent.



Questions? We're here.

Call Customer Service at the number on the back of your Medica ID card (TTY: 711).



Getting started with Ovia Health

As a Medica member, you can use the exclusive Ovia Health features including one-on-one coaching, symptom tracking, return-to-work tools, and more. Follow these steps to get started:

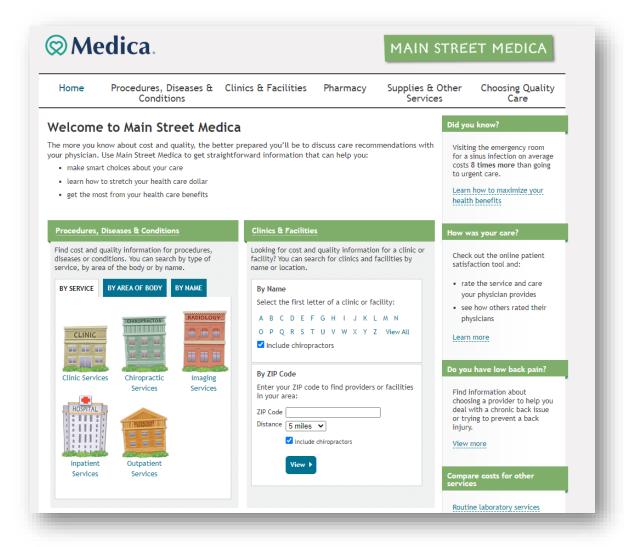
- Download Ovia Fertility, Ovia Pregnancy, or Ovia Parenting from the App Store and Google Play.
- Sign up and choose "I have Ovia Health as a benefit."
- Enter your state, health plan (Medica), employer name, and personal details.
- Get started!



Resource: Main Street Medica

https://www.mainstreetmedica.com/

- Use this resource to make smart choices about your care
- Learn how to stretch your health care dollar
- Get the most from your health care benefits



How to shop for services

Main Street Medica

With Main Street Medica, you can:

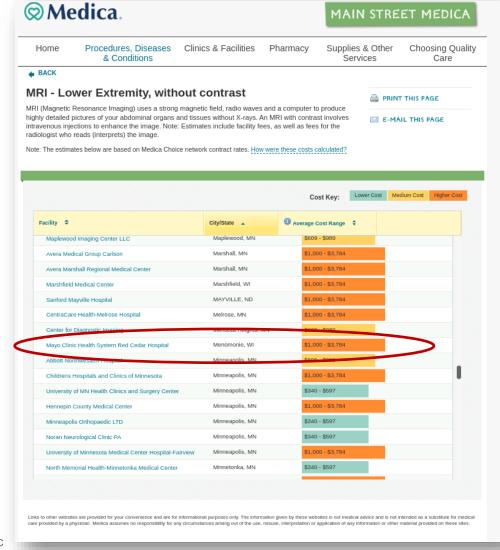
- View costs for a variety of procedures and conditions, from allergies to X-rays.
- Results are color-coded so you can easily identify lower, medium and higher cost providers.
- You can search by type of service, area of the body or name of the procedure.
- Compare chiropractic services based on quality and cost.
- Find suppliers of common medical supplies, also known as durable medical equipment (DME) and see their estimated cost ranges.
- See tips for how to choose quality health care for you and your family.
- Review in-depth information on treating back pain, accessing laboratory services and using pharmacy resources.
- Access resources that compare patient safety and satisfaction.

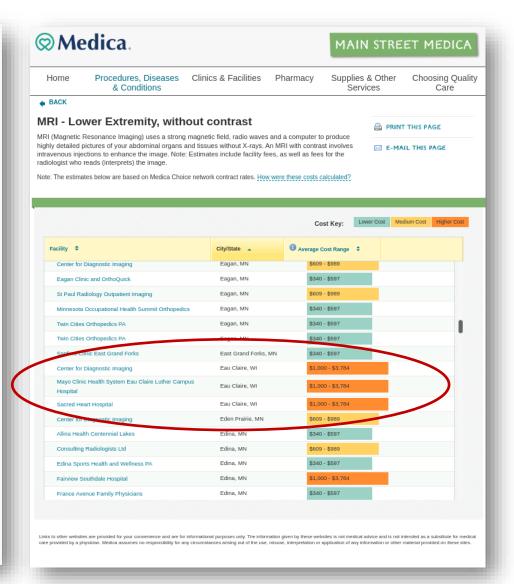
Did you know?

The cost of an MRI of your knee, can vary from \$350 to more than \$3,000 depending on where you go.

Compare Care Options

MRI - Main Street Medica





Compare Costs

Lab Services

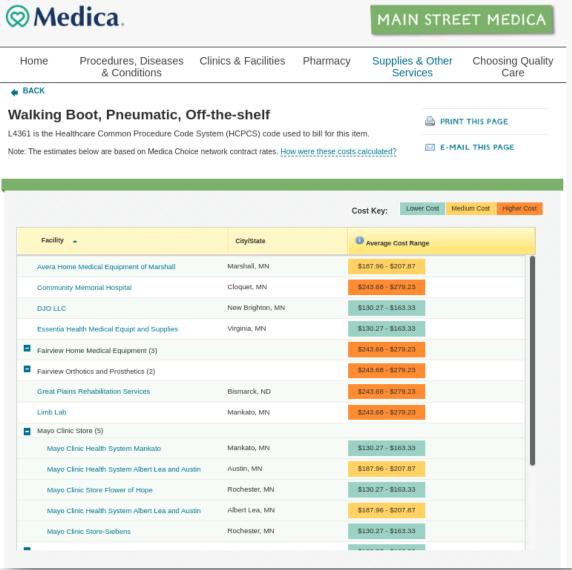
Questions to ask:

- Why is this test being done?
- Is there any preparation I need to do prior to having the test?
- Can I have a copy of the test order?
- When can I expect the test results?
- Where can I have the test done?
- How much does it cost?

Service	Description	Average Cost		
		Clinic	Stand-alone Laboratory	Hospital
Chlamydia Screening	A test to detect Chlamydia, a common, curable infection caused by the bacteria Chlamydia trachomatis.	\$74.88	\$45.36	\$120.63
	Procedure Code: CPT 87491			
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 85027	\$24.87	\$10.06	\$69.72
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Complete Blood Count (CBC), with differential white blood cell	A panel of tests that gives important information about the kinds and number of cells in the blood. A differential of white blood cell count measures the percentages of different types of white blood cells. It is used as a broad screening test to check for such disorders as anemia, infection and many other diseases.	\$26.02	\$11.64	\$103.41
	Procedure Code: CPT 85025			
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 Code: CPT 82565	\$18.34	\$8.62	\$47.46
Culture, Bacteria	A process to determine the presence of an infectious disease. Does not include samples of urine, blood or stool. Procedure Code: CPT 87070	\$27.40	\$12.03	\$85.79
Culture, Urine	Test is used to diagnose a urinary tract infection (UTI).	\$24.62	\$11.08	\$72.32
culture, offine	Procedure Code: CPT 87086	\$24.02	\$11.00	\$12.52
Electrolyte Panel	A test to measure the amount of sodium, potassium, chloride, and bicarbonate in the blood. The balance of the electrolytes in the body is essential for normal function of cells and organs.	\$34.20	\$12.92	\$87.46
	Procedure Code: CPT 80051			
General Health Panel	A panel of tests that gives important information about the kinds and number of cells in the blood. It may include a comprehensive metabolic panel, complete blood count and thyroid test.	\$100.94	\$37.05	\$284.50
	Procedure Code: CPT 80050			
Glucose Test	A test to measure the amount of sugar (glucose) in the blood.	\$15.35	\$6.45	\$41.08
	Procedure Code: CPT 82947			
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.	\$21.06	\$7.93	\$58.18
	Procedure Code: CPT 83036			

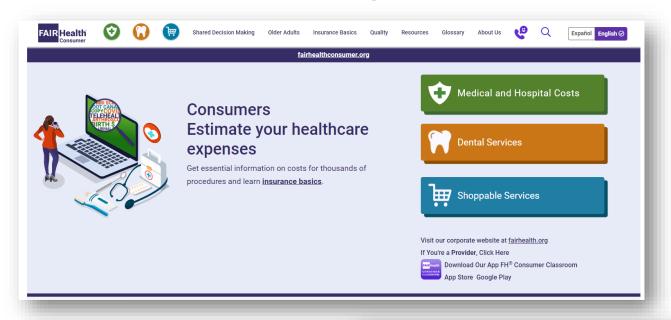
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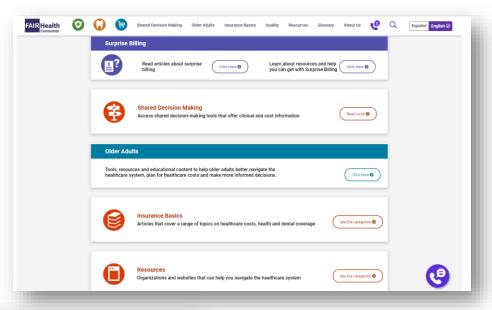
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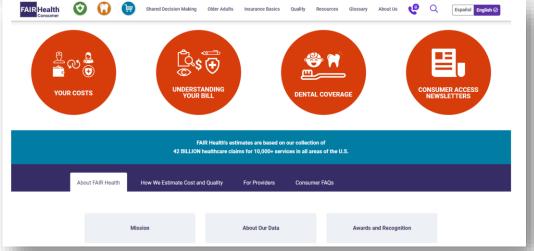


Fair Health Consumer

https://www.fairhealthconsumer.org/









Question:

What are other alternatives for using opioids?



- A. Ice
- B. Rest
- C. Over-the-counter pain relievers like aspirin, acetaminophen, or ibuprofen



Question:

Which of the following are things you can do to help you save money on your prescription drugs?



- A. Know the list of preferred drugs on your plan
- B. Order a 3-month supply
- C. Call around or compare prices online
- D. Ask for generic

E. All the above

How to Save Money on Prescriptions

- Sign up for home delivery
- Opt for a 90-day supply
- Go generic or try a different medication
- Stick to preferred pharmacies
- Use your HRA or HSA
- Split pills
- Compare prices

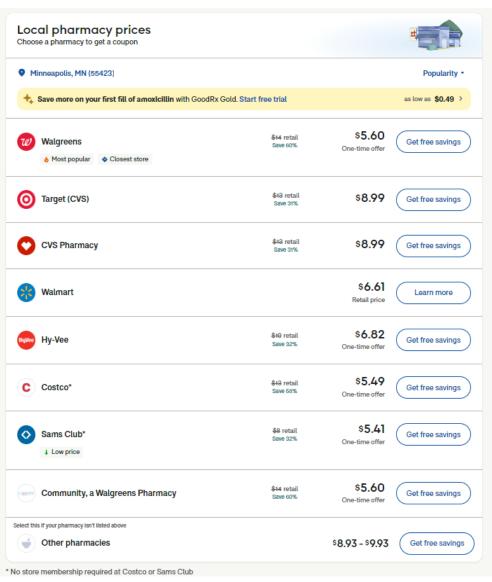


It Pays to Shop Around...

RETAILER	PRICE					TOTAL PRICE
	Pioglitazone (Actos)	Celecoxib (Celebrex)	Duloxetine (Cymbalta)	Atorvastatin (Lipitor)	Clopidogrel (Plavix)	
HealthWarehouse.com	\$12	\$22	\$13	\$10	\$10	\$66
Costco [1]	\$16	\$26	\$35	\$13	\$16	\$105
Independents [2]	\$19 (\$10-\$493)	\$34 (\$11-\$295)	\$31 (\$20-\$267)	\$15 (\$8-\$197)	\$15 (\$8-\$260)	\$107 (\$69-\$1,351)
Sam's Club [1]	\$20	\$38	\$31	\$20	\$45	\$153
Walmart	\$132	\$203	\$123	\$30	\$30	\$518
Kmart	\$160	\$185	\$120	\$35	\$35	\$535
Grocery Stores [3]	\$113 (\$10-\$349)	\$189 (\$46-\$250)	\$170 (\$13-\$223)	\$32 (\$11-\$71)	\$36 (\$7-\$224)	\$565 (\$88-\$1,117)
Walgreens	\$167	\$204	\$251	\$65	\$65	\$752
Rite Aid	\$255	\$194	\$170	\$128	\$119	\$866
CVS/Target	\$270	\$187	\$195	\$135	\$141	\$928
Nonmember prices. Prices in parentheses ar				ice reflects the	averages of the	combined

Source: https://www.consumerreports.org/drug-prices/shop-around-for-better-drug-prices/

five drugs at individual grocery store pharmacies.



Price Comparison

Name brand vs Generic

Therapeutic Use	Brand-Name Drug Name	Approximate Cost for 30-Day Supply	Generic Drug Name	Approximate Cost for 30-Day Supply	Generic Savings
Allergies, Conjunctivitis	Patanol [®] 0.1% eye drops	\$286.46	olopatadine 0.1% eye drops	\$12.45	\$274.01
Antibiotic	Levaquin [®] 500 mg (10 tablets for 10-day course)	\$296.50	levofloxacin 500 mg	\$3.95	\$292.55
Asthma	Singulai r [®] ∗ 10 mg	\$245.86	montelukast 10 mg	\$3.67	\$242.19
Anticoagulant	Plavix[®]∗ 75 mg	\$211.87	clopidogrel 75 mg	\$4.66	\$207.21
Anticoagulant	Coumadin [®] 5 mg	\$68.79	warfarin 5 mg	\$6.16	\$62.63
Cholesterol	Lopid [®] 600 mg	\$198.97	gemfibrozil 600 mg	\$3.29	\$195.68
Cholesterol	Lipitor[®]∗ 20 mg	\$1,416.40	atorvastatin 20 mg	\$0	\$1,416.40
Depression	Celexa[®]∗ 20 mg	\$304.62	citalopram 20 mg	\$1.45	\$339.17
Depression	Khedezla [®] 50 mg	\$359.92	desvenlafaxine ER 50 mg	\$143.29	\$216.63

Diabetes	Glucophage [®] ∗ 1,000 mg (Using twice daily)	\$135.69	metformin 1,000 mg	\$2.59	\$133.10
High Blood Pressure	Cozaar[®]∗ 50 mg	\$341.97	losartan 50 mg	\$13.16	\$328.81
High Blood Pressure	Tenormin [®] 50 mg	\$375.99	atenolol 50 mg	\$3.63	\$372.36
Hyperthyroidism	Synthroid [®] 100 mcg	\$38.83	levothyroxine 100 mcg	\$10.32	\$28.51
Insomnia	Ambien®* 10 mg (formulary quantity limits may apply)	\$602.08	zolpidem 10 mg	\$3.38	\$598.70
Nausea	Zofran [®] 4 mg (10 tablets)	\$229.33	ondansetron 4 mg	\$2.14	\$227.19
Pain and Inflammation	Celebrex®* 100 mg	\$228.21	celecoxib 100 mg	\$10.50	\$217.71

Cost estimates are based on information from Medica pharmacy benefit manager using the Medica general commercial plans formulary and pay structure as of January 2020. Prices at non-participation pharmacies may be higher. The actual price a member will pay is determined by the member's pharmacy benefit plan.



Term Life Insurance



Offered by Life Insurance Company of North America

Employer-Paid
TERM LIFE and ACCIDENTAL DEATH & DISMEMBERMENT INSURANCE

Summary of Benefits

Prepared for: Aurora Residential Alternatives, Inc.

Eligibility:

All active, Full-time Employees of the Employer regularly working a minimum of 24 hours per week. **Employee:** You will be eligible for coverage the first of the month on or after 3 months of active service.

Available Coverage:

	Benefit Amount	Maximum	Guaranteed Issue Amount
Employee – Life	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Employee – AD&D	\$10,000	\$10,000	N/A

Navigating Healthcare

 University of MN Taking Charge of Your Health & Wellbeing https://www.takingcharge.csh.umn.edu/navigate-healthcare-system



Wrap Up: Cost Savings Tips

- Invest in PREVENTION!
- Take the extra time to find high quality, low cost providers
- Check your bills, EOBs, carrier website, etc.
- Use in-network providers when possible
- Ask for generic medications
- Use PHONE and WEB support
- Use of HSA



Questions about benefits

• Benefit specialist – 715-235-1839 ext. 2013



Questions & Thank You!



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