

Paying More for the Same Care



Hospital Prices Across Michigan Don't Add Up

Hospital costs across Michigan are climbing at an unsustainable rate, placing growing financial pressure on both employers and working families. Nearly half of all employer healthcare spending now goes toward hospital services—yet the price of that care can vary wildly, even within the same health system.

Where you receive care can dramatically impact what you pay. Here's a closer look at some of the most significant hospital price differences every Michigander should know:



Childbirth: Depending on the health system, prices for both vaginal and cesarean deliveries can vary by an average of **\$1,000-\$8,000** at a top-rated facility in Michigan.

EMPLOYER IMPACT: For a company with 150 employees who had a vaginal birth, choosing a lower-cost hospital within the same health system could save over **\$200,000**.



Hip and Knee Replacement: Within Detroit's metro area, total costs for hip and knee replacements differ by **more than \$20,000** between high-quality hospitals.

EMPLOYER IMPACT: For 150 employees undergoing hip or knee replacements, selecting lower-cost hospitals, even within the same health system, could save more than **\$3,000,000**.



MRI Brain Scan: Within the Ann Arbor-Jackson area, choosing a hospital within the same area can mean a **\$461 difference** in pricing.

EMPLOYER IMPACT: For 150 employees receiving MRI brain scans, opting for lower-cost facilities within the same health system could save over **\$10,000**.



Osteoporosis Treatment: Across 22 hospitals in Metro-Detroit, there is a **\$2,576 price difference for a single dose** of an injection used to treat the condition.

EMPLOYER IMPACT: For 150 employees receiving this injection within the same health system, choosing lower-cost hospitals could **save approximately \$338,100**.

“Some hospitals are transparent about their prices—while others keep patients and employers in the dark. Where the data exist, it shows just how disconnected many hospital prices are from the true cost of care. We need transparency across the board and fair prices that reflect real costs, not what hospitals can get away with charging.”

—Bret Jackson, President MIHPC

For a deeper dive into the data, check out “[Price Transparency in Hospital Services, Drugs, and Procedures](#),” a series by the Michigan Health Purchasers Coalition, a member of the Employers Against Hospital Pricing Abuse Campaign.

To join the movement for fair hospital pricing practices, visit the Employers Against Hospital Pricing Abuse Campaign at hospitalpricingabuse.org.



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