

Treatment Cost Estimator with member out-of-pocket calculations



Blue Shield has rolled out a new Treatment Cost Estimator tool that provides PPO plan members with estimates of both the total cost and out-of-pocket expenses for common in-network medical treatments and services. These estimates provide the transparency and clarity to help our members' budget and to plan for future healthcare expenses.

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What our new tool includes

- There are estimates for more than 400 of the most common treatments and services by in-network providers.
- Cost estimates reflect claims data gathered from Blue Shield's provider network. For out-of-state searches, the Treatment Cost Estimator tool uses the nationwide provider network accessible to Blue Shield members.
- Member out-of-pocket estimates for subscribers and their family members are based on current plan and deductible balances.*
- Treatment search results are displayed on a scrolling carousel and include these and more:
 - Facility location information
 - Total treatment and service cost estimates, which include estimated costs for the facility and doctors from admission to discharge
 - Member's estimated in-network out-of-pocket cost
 - Each facility's distance from subscriber's home location
 - Number of members treated
 - Identification of Blue Distinction Centers,[®] a recognition program that identifies hospitals with proven expertise in delivering specialty care.

Member out-of-pocket features coming soon!

* The Treatment Cost Estimator tool allows PPO members to research treatment and service cost estimates for family members under the same plan who have been set up under the *Manage Family* tab.

Note: The information provided by the Treatment Cost Estimator tool is for reference only and actual out-of-pocket costs may vary. For full disclosure, visit <https://www.blueshieldca.com/basca/popups/treatment-cost-estimator-disclaimer.sp>.

