FAQs

What is Vālenz Bluebook?

And other frequently asked questions

COST

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Vālenz Bluebook has been selected by your employer as an added benefit so you can shop for care, compare facilities, save money, and get the best quality for your medical services.

Did you know that in-network prices for the same procedure can vary by over 500% depending on the facility you choose?

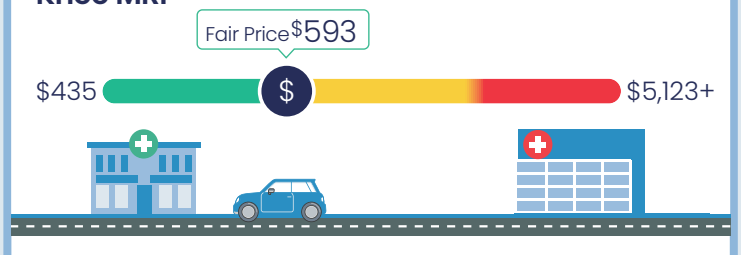
Bluebook's web and mobile application make it easy to save money on hundreds of common medical services and procedures by showing you the cost ranges in your area and providing you with a selection of **Fair Price™** (green) facilities.

What is the "FAIR PRICE?"

The **Fair Price™** is the amount you should reasonably expect to pay for a service or procedure and are based on the actual amount paid on the claim, not the billed amount, reflecting the discounts that the health plan has negotiated with the facility.

Here's an example of dramatic price differences between one facility and another.

Knee MRI



QUALITY

Aren't all hospitals good at everything?

No, very few hospitals are good at all procedures. For example, a hospital can be among the highest performing facilities in the US for heart surgery, yet the same hospital can also be among the lowest performing facilities for joint replacement.

How does Bluebook assign quality ratings?

Bluebook's quality ratings are designed to help patients understand each hospital's specific level of quality for a particular inpatient clinical area or procedure. Quality ratings are calculated for each clinical area by combining a hospital's performance in several areas: patient complications, patient safety, mortality, and compliance with standards of care. Calculations are based on a statistically significant sample drawn from Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) data. Our methodology is validated and published in peer reviewed medical journals.

Can cheaper mean better quality? YES! Absolutely!

Providers with lower costs can have higher quality; there is no correlation between high cost and high quality. Vālenz Bluebook provides cost and quality ratings side-by-side for inpatient procedures, which is where quality matters most. By using Bluebook, it's easy to see which facilities offer the highest quality at the lowest costs.

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