

FREE ONLINE HEALTH CARE COST ESTIMATOR RESOURCES

There are many websites that can help people estimate the costs of services or prescriptions. It is helpful to search more than one website because costs may vary for the same items.

Several free websites exist to estimate health care costs for both inpatient and outpatient services. We compared easily accessible free websites to estimate costs. Most of these websites do require some medication knowledge to be able to supply a Current Procedural Terminology code or exact name of a service. However, some allow the user

to select from a list of common services. Few allow the user to select their own insurance coverage to help with cost estimation—others list the fair price or the price that the facility has negotiated with the insurance providers.

New Choice Health allows users to estimate costs of inpatient and outpatient procedures and incorporate insurance provider and location. However, it is limited to certain procedures and providers. Therefore, we recommend using both FH Consumer Cost Look up and Healthcare Bluebook to estimate potential costs.

Name	Website	Inpatient	Outpatient	Medication	Dental	Insurance
ClearHealthCosts	clearhealthcosts.com	x	x		x	
FH Consumer Cost Lookup	fairhealthconsumer.org	x	x		x	
Guroo	guroo.com/#!	x	x			
Healthcare Bluebook	healthcarebluebook.com/	x	x	x	x	
Main Street Medica	mainstreetmedica.com/procedures	x	x			
New Choice Health	newchoicehealth.com	x	x			x
Blink Health	blinkhealth.com			x		
Good Rx	goodrx.com			x		
OneRx	onerx.com			x		x
WeRx	werx.org			x		

1. In addition to the listed websites, several states now provide similar tools for their own state. These can be accessed from the Consumer Health Ratings website (consumerhealthratings.com) or by searching on your state’s website.
2. Search for estimated prices on Medicare.gov (medicare.gov/procedure-price-lookup/).
3. Also, patients can be advised to search specific health plan websites. Some of the health plans offer pricing tools to their customers. Hospitals are now also required by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services to post online charges for services offered. With assistance, these may also be beneficial to patients when planning their health care.