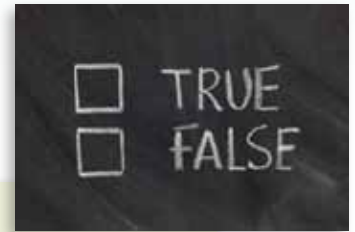


# You Can Make Smarter Choices with our *QualityCounts*<sup>®</sup> Reports

Are you having an outpatient procedure and you're not sure where to have it done? We have the answers in our *QualityCounts*<sup>®</sup> Outpatient Procedures and Tests Report. Check out the answers to the questions below:



**True or False:** I can find a facility near where I live or work.

**True or False:** I can compare costs of procedures.

**True or False:** I can choose the best value for myself or family member.

The answer to all of these is **True**. With The Alliance's *QualityCounts* Outpatient Procedures and Tests Report you can learn more about the typical costs of certain tests and procedures that appear most frequently in Alliance member claims.

**We make it easy for you to find the best facility for your particular procedure.** Our report has all the information you'll need in one place. *QualityCounts* groups facilities by counties from high cost to lower costs. This way you can see which facilities offer the best value.

In addition, the report provides the median cost of a procedure and the high and low range for 90 percent of cases. Median is used instead of the average because it gives a better estimate of what to expect. Median means that half of the patients were charged less and half were charged more. The report also includes important questions to ask before scheduling an outpatient procedure.

Here are some of the common procedures reported on:

- › Removal of Adenoids
- › Arthroscopic Knee Surgery
- › Cataract Surgery
- › Laparoscopic Gallbladder Surgery
- › Laparoscopic Hernia Surgery
- › Tube Insertion for Middle Ear Infections
- › Bone Density Test
- › Cardiac Perfusion Scan
- › Colonoscopy
- › Mammogram
- › Upper Gastrointestinal (GI) Endoscopy
- › Abdominal CT
- › Abdominal CT with Contrast
- › Brain MRI Without and With Contrast
- › Head or Brain CT
- › Lower Spine MRI
- › Pelvic CT with Contrast

## To Access:

To access the report, visit [www.the-alliance.org](http://www.the-alliance.org) and click on the *QualityCounts* logo. Next, you'll be asked to log in. Then you'll be able look up and compare cost information in the *QualityCounts* Outpatient Procedures and Tests Report. You can also find the *QualityCounts* Inpatient Hospital report there too.

You can also connect to the *QualityCounts* reports through the function Find A Doctor tool at [www.the-alliance.org/find\\_doctor.aspx](http://www.the-alliance.org/find_doctor.aspx)