

## QUALITY, COST INFORMATION JUST A CLICK AWAY WITH THE ALLIANCE'S QUALITYCOUNTS™ REPORTS

All providers aren't created equal. Whether it's the cost or the quality of care, chances are your experiences will differ depending on where you go for your care. But how do you get the information to make the right decision?

With The Alliance's [QualityCounts™](#) reports, you're covered. We have the data you need to make an informed decision when it counts the most.

- The *QualityCounts* Outpatient Tests and Procedures Report provides cost information for a number of outpatient procedures and tests at facilities that belong to The Alliance network. Patients that receive outpatient care are sent home the same day as their procedure or test.
- The *QualityCounts* Inpatient Hospital Report provides quality and cost information for a number of inpatient procedures at hospitals that participate with The Alliance. "Inpatient" means that patients stay overnight at the facility after the procedure.

You might be surprised, but quality care doesn't necessarily cost more.

To access these valuable reports visit the [QualityCounts webpage](#) and click "View Reports."

- If it is your first time logging in, you will need to enter your first initial and last name as your username. Your password is your birth date in the yyyymmdd format. For example, Jane Smith, who was born on February 24, 1956, would enter "jsmith" and "19560224".
- Once you have entered that you will be asked to provide your e-mail address as your username and create a stronger password. Write these down as you will use them to access the report from this screen in the future.
- If you forget your password, click on "Forgot your password?" and enter your e-mail address and a new password will be e-mailed to you. Once you receive your new password, return to the login screen and login in with your e-mail address and your new password. You will be prompted to change your password again to something you can remember.

After logging in with your Alliance username and password, you'll be able to access both of the reports.

You can also access *QualityCounts* data through The Alliance's Find a Doctor function:

- To access the directory from The Alliance's home page ([www.the-alliance.org](http://www.the-alliance.org)), first click the "Find a Doctor" link (under "Quick Links" on the left-hand side).
- From this new page, again click the "Find a Doctor" logo on the left side to launch the online provider directory.
- There are several options for how to search for providers. Select the options that are right for you, click "Find Providers," and relevant hospitals and health care locations will appear.
- For those locations with *QualityCounts* data, click the *QualityCounts* logo and log in to view specific quality and cost information for the corresponding care facility. It's the perfect way to access useful information and make more informed decisions regarding your health care needs.

### Links:

*QualityCounts* Home Page:

<http://the-alliance.org/qualitycounts.aspx>

The Alliance Online Provider Directory:

<http://www.geoaccess.com/Alliance/PO/begin.asp>