

Before You Schedule, *Shop Around*

DON'T ASSUME THE
FIRST LOCATION IS
YOUR ONLY OPTION

When your doctor orders lab work, imaging, or a procedure, the location may be selected simply because it's affiliated with their office or health system. The same test or procedure may cost hundreds or even thousands less depending on where you go.

You Have the Right to Ask About Other Locations

Many stand-alone facilities provide the exact same services at a *significantly lower cost than hospital-owned facilities.*



Can I have this done somewhere else?



Is there a lower-cost lab or imaging center nearby?



Is there a preferred facility in my health plan network?

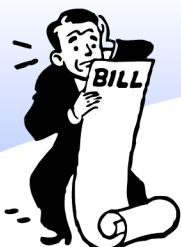


Can you send the order to another location?

Where You Receive Care *Matters*

SERVICE	HIGHER-COST SETTING	LOWER-COST SETTING
Lab Work	Hospital Lab	Independent Lab
MRI/CT Scan	Hospital Imaging Department	Stand-Alone Imaging Center
Non-Emergency Care	Hospital Emergency Room	Urgent Care Center
Outpatient Procedure	Hospital Outpatient Department	Ambulatory Surgery Center

A few minutes of comparison shopping could help
reduce your healthcare costs without changing your healthcare.



Another Way to Save on Health Costs

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