

Compare costs before you go

When your doctor wants you to have high-end imaging like an MRI, it's good to follow their advice. But have you ever asked about the cost for these services?

The cost for high-end radiology can vary by hundreds of dollars, depending on where you have it done. If it's not an emergency, ask your doctor about the cost before making an appointment. If your doctor doesn't know, ask the testing center or hospital directly.

Why do costs vary for the same medical service?

Some of it depends on where you live. Healthcare costs are generally higher in more expensive places to live, such as New York and Boston. But the place where you receive care also matters.

Hospitals have a high cost of doing business because they stay open 24 hours a day and offer so many services. If you can choose where to have a service, you'll often pay less at a freestanding facility than at a hospital.

- **Before you've met your deductible**, your out-of-pocket cost can be much lower if you use a freestanding facility.
- **After you've met your deductible**, your cost for voluntary major imaging services is covered in full if you use a freestanding facility.

You can compare costs by logging in to your **BlueCare Connect** member account and selecting "Get Care."

Once you've found the service you need to receive, you can see how much you would have to pay with different providers, based on your plan.

You'll find real results like the estimated average costs below.

MRI of the knee*

\$380

at a freestanding testing location

\$1,195

at a local hospital

CHECK BEFORE YOU GO

Coverage for high-end radiology can vary depending on the type of facility that you visit. If you select a facility that is hospital-owned, your cost share for services performed there could be higher than for services performed at a freestanding facility.

To make an informed choice, ask the facility if they are hospital-owned or freestanding before making an appointment.

So what should you do before you have a test?

1. Ask your doctor about costs at various locations. If they aren't sure, ask the labs or hospitals you are considering. You can also consult the attached listing to look for freestanding imaging facilities near you.
2. Log in to your BlueCare Connect account and select "Get Care." Then, choose the facility or procedure you are considering to get an idea of how much you will have to pay based on your plan.

*Estimated average costs are not an exact calculation of your actual costs and do not reflect all of the terms, conditions, limitations, and exclusions that may apply to your coverage. Your actual costs will vary depending upon the specifics of your benefit plan and the particular services and supplies you receive.

[More helpful information >](#)

Freestanding facilities in Rhode Island

ADVANCED RADIOLOGY, INC.	2 MEEHAN LANE	CUMBERLAND, RI 02896	401-727-4600
	1002 WATERMAN AVENUE	EAST PROVIDENCE, RI 02914	401-632-0888
	101 AIRPORT ROAD	WESTERLY, RI 02891	401-315-0095
	1000 BROAD STREET	CENTRAL FALLS, RI 02863	401-722-3490
	148 W RIVER STREET	PROVIDENCE, RI 02904	401-621-5800
	186 PROVIDENCE STREET	WEST WARWICK, RI 02830	401-615-5273
	335 CENTERVILLE ROAD	WARWICK, RI 02886	401-921-1800
	501 GREAT ROAD	NORTH SMITHFIELD, RI 02896	401-766-3900
	525 BROAD STREET, STE 202	CUMBERLAND, RI 02864	401-727-4600
	594 GREAT ROAD, STE 102A	NORTH SMITHFIELD, RI 02896	401-766-3900
OPEN MRI OF NEW ENGLAND, INC.	1002 WATERMAN AVENUE	EAST PROVIDENCE, RI 02914	401-431-5200
	101 AIRPORT ROAD	WESTERLY, RI 02891	401-315-0095
	148 W RIVER STREET	PROVIDENCE, RI 02904	401-621-5800
	335 CENTERVILLE ROAD	WARWICK, RI 02886	401-732-3205
	501 GREAT ROAD, STE 201	NORTH SMITHFIELD, RI 02896	401-766-3900
	525 BROAD STREET	CUMBERLAND, RI 02864	401-725-6736
RHODE ISLAND MEDICAL IMAGING - RIMI	1 RANDALL SQUARE	PROVIDENCE, RI 02904	401-272-5500
	11 FRIENDSHIP STREET	NEWPORT, RI 02840	401-846-6400
	1301 RESERVOIR AVENUE	CRANSTON, RI 02920	401-921-9316
	65 SOCKANOSSET CROSSROAD	CRANSTON, RI 02920	401-921-9202
	1351 S COUNTY TRAIL, BLDG 1	EAST GREENWICH, RI 02818	401-884-8125
	1500 MINERAL SPRING AVENUE	NORTH PROVIDENCE, RI 02904	401-921-9314
	1525 WAMPANOAG TRAIL	EAST PROVIDENCE, RI 02915	401-433-1166
	1526 ATWOOD AVENUE, STE LL3	JOHNSTON, RI 02919	401-331-0900
	164 SUMMIT AVENUE	PROVIDENCE, RI 02906	401-793-4480
	101 DUDLEY STREET	PROVIDENCE, RI 02905	401-274-1100
	2 WAKE ROBIN ROAD, STE 107	LINCOLN, RI 02865	401-475-2699
	200 HIGH SERVICE AVENUE	NORTH PROVIDENCE, RI 02904	401-456-3765
	250 TOLL GATE ROAD	WARWICK, RI 02886	401-921-9315
	333 SCHOOL STREET, STE 105	PAWTUCKET, RI 02860	401-728-3040
	450 VETERANS MEMORIAL PKWY, BLDG 2	EAST PROVIDENCE, RI 02914	401-435-3041
	593 EDDY STREET	PROVIDENCE, RI 02903	401-444-5174
	6 BLACKSTONE VALLEY PL, STE 506 & 515	LINCOLN, RI 02865	401-334-3693
	1 KETTLE POINT AVENUE	EAST PROVIDENCE, RI 02914	401-921-9202
	176 CASS AVENUE	WOONSOCKET, RI 02895	401-767-1594
	227 CENTERVILLE ROAD	WARWICK, RI 02886	401-921-9202
	41 SANDERSON ROAD, STE 109	SMITHFIELD, RI 02917	401-921-9202
	455 TOLL GATE ROAD	WARWICK, RI 02886	401-377-7010
	481 KINGSTOWN ROAD	WAKEFIELD, RI 02879	401-921-9202

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SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND RADIOLOGY	672 AQUIDNECK AVENUE	MIDDLETOWN, RI 02842	401-324-6410
TOLL GATE RADIOLOGY II, LLC	215 TOLL GATE ROAD	WARWICK, RI 02886	401-738-3100
	300 TOLL GATE ROAD	WARWICK, RI 02886	401-738-3100

Freestanding facilities in nearby Massachusetts

SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND RADIOLOGY	101 PAGE STREET	NEW BEDFORD, MA 02740	508-997-1515
	1030 PRESIDENT AVENUE	FALL RIVER, MA 02720	508-973-3000
	1565 NORTH MAIN STREET, STE 306	FALL RIVER, MA 02720	508-675-0369
	206 MILL ROAD	FAIRHAVEN, MA 02719	508-973-3030
	208 MILL ROAD	FAIRHAVEN, MA 02719	508-973-3000
	300 B FAUNCE CORNER ROAD	NORTH DARTMOUTH, MA 02747	508-998-0600
	363 HIGHLAND AVENUE	FALL RIVER, MA 02720	508-679-7136
	827 LEGION HIGHWAY, STE 1	WESTPORT, MA 02790	508-973-1540
	874 PURCHASE STREET	NEW BEDFORD, MA 02740	508-342-4400
	1151 ROBESON STREET	FALL RIVER, MA 02720	508-973-7364
	235 HANOVER STREET, STE 301	FALL RIVER, MA 02720	508-973-9800
	30 COMMERCE WAY	SEEKONK, MA 02720	508-336-6181
	300 A FAUNCE CORNER ROAD	DARTMOUTH, MA 02747	508-973-7364
	361 ALLEN STREET	NEW BEDFORD, MA 02747	508-998-3101
	435 STATE ROAD	NEW BEDFORD, MA 02747	508-998-3101
	450 WILLIAM S CANNING BOULEVARD	FALL RIVER, MA 02721	508-973-0250
STEWART PET IMAGING	479 SWANSEA MALL DRIVE	SWANSEA, MA 02777	508-672-5300
	581 FAUNCE CORNER ROAD	DARTMOUTH, MA 02747	508-207-9800
	795 MIDDLE STREET	FALL RIVER, MA 02721	877-877-8455

Freestanding facilities in nearby Connecticut

MERIDEN IMAGING CENTER, INC.	100 GRAND STREET	NEW BRITAIN, CT 06052	844-868-1001
	280 S MAIN STREET	CHESHIRE, CT 06410	844-868-1001
	201 N MOUNTAIN ROAD	PLAINVILLE, CT 06062	844-868-1001
	22 PINE STREET	BRISTOL, CT 06010	860-229-8346



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