## The Healthcare Bluebook

# COMPARE PROVIDERS, 

## The Role of Consumers in Payment Reform

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## The Problem Facing Consumers

- In-network prices can vary by $300 \%$ to $500 \%$ or more....

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| SERUICES ESTIMATE: |  |
|  | \$40 |
| OFFICE VISIT: | SURPRISE |
| OUTPATIENT SURGER | SECRET |
| X-RAYS: | UNCLEAR |
| 1 MO/MEDICATIONS: | UNKNOWN |
| LAB WORK: | WHO KNOWS |

- ...and consumers don't have a clue.


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## Mission:

Help Consumers save money by finding quality care at a Fair Price

Approach:

- Practical - Focus on what drives real savings
- Simple - Intuitive, at-a-glance, Red-Yellow-Green
- Integrated - Portals, Programs and Providers

Results:

- Consumers save ~\$1,500+ per event
- Employers save up to $12 \%$ of total medical cost


## First Things First - <br> Understand What Drives Value



## It's Not the Physician Cost....

Price Variability - Colonoscopy (no biopsy)


## ...It's the Facility



## Colonoscopy (NYC) >600\% Price Variation



## Knee MRI (NYC) >600\% Price Variation



## Set the right "Anchor Point"



The Hidden Forces That Shape Our Decisions

- Total Fair Price...not out-of-pocket
- Decisions are relative
- Where you start determines where you finish
"Keep It Simple: To improve outcomes, choices should be simplified and actions made intuitive."


## This is what we mean by...

## Simple.

## Intuitive.

## Focused.

Effective.


## Provider Listing

Providers are displayed by cost rating - least expensive to most expensive. Check the provider's network status and price before making an appointment.

| Service: | Sleep Study | At or Below Fair Price <br> Slightly Above Fair Price <br> Highest Price |
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| Fair Price: $\quad \$ 900$ |  | Rating |

## Quality is not the reason for price variation



Investigation of Health Care Cost Trends and Cost Drivers

"Price variations for hospitals and physicians offering similar services are not explained by quality of care."

February, 2010

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Healum Tracking
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## MarketWatch

Hospital Quality And Intensity Of Spending: Is There An Association?

Hospitals' performance on quality of care is not associated with the intensity of their spending.

## Simple...Clear...Consistent



So why pay 5-times too much for your health care?
\$700

\$3,500

## In Conclusion -

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