

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 after 1/1/2025 and selecting "Find 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 after 1/1/2025 and select "Find 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 1002 WATERMAN AVENUE 101 AIRPORT ROAD 1000 BROAD STREET 148 W RIVER STREET 186 PROVIDENCE STREET 335 CENTERVILLE ROAD 501 GREAT ROAD 525 BROAD STREET, STE 202 594 GREAT ROAD, STE 102A	CUMBERLAND, RI 02896 EAST PROVIDENCE, RI 02914 WESTERLY, RI 02891 CENTRAL FALLS, RI 02863 PROVIDENCE, RI 02904 WEST WARWICK, RI 02830 WARWICK, RI 02886 NORTH SMITHFIELD, RI 02896 CUMBERLAND, RI 02864 NORTH SMITHFIELD, RI 02896	401-727-4600 401-632-0888 401-315-0095 401-722-3490 401-621-5800 401-615-5273 401-921-1800 401-766-3900 401-727-4600 401-766-3900
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RHODE ISLAND MEDICAL IMAGING - RIMI	1 RANDALL SQUARE 11 FRIENDSHIP STREET 1301 RESERVOIR AVENUE 65 SOCKANOSSET CROSSROAD 1351 S COUNTY TRAIL, BLDG 1 1500 MINERAL SPRING AVENUE 1525 WAMPANOAG TRAIL 1526 ATWOOD AVENUE, STE LL3 164 SUMMIT AVENUE 101 DUDLEY STREET 2 WAKE ROBIN ROAD, STE 107 200 HIGH SERVICE AVENUE 250 TOLL GATE ROAD 333 SCHOOL STREET, STE 105 450 VETERANS MEMORIAL PKWY, BLDG 2 593 EDDY STREET 6 BLACKSTONE VALLEY PL, STE 506 & 515 825 CHALKSTONE AVENUE 1 KETTLE POINT AVENUE 176 CASS AVENUE 227 CENTERVILLE ROAD 41 SANDERSON ROAD, STE 109 455 TOLL GATE ROAD 481 KINGSTOWN ROAD	PROVIDENCE, RI 02904 NEWPORT, RI 02840 CRANSTON, RI 02920 CRANSTON, RI 02920 EAST GREENWICH, RI 02818 NORTH PROVIDENCE, RI 02904 EAST PROVIDENCE, RI 02915 JOHNSTON, RI 02919 PROVIDENCE, RI 02906 PROVIDENCE, RI 02905 LINCOLN, RI 02865 NORTH PROVIDENCE, RI 02904 WARWICK, RI 02886 PAWTUCKET, RI 02860 EAST PROVIDENCE, RI 02914 PROVIDENCE, RI 02903 LINCOLN, RI 02865 PROVIDENCE, RI 02908 EAST PROVIDENCE, RI 02914 WOONSOCKET, RI 02895 WARWICK, RI 02886 SMITHFIELD, RI 02917 WARWICK, RI 02886 WAKEFIELD, RI 02879	401-272-5500 401-846-6400 401-921-9316 401-921-9202 401-884-8125 401-921-9314 401-433-1166 401-331-0900 401-793-4480 401-274-1100 401-475-2699 401-456-3765 401-921-9315 401-728-3040 401-435-3041 401-444-5174 401-334-3693 401-456-2032 401-921-9202 401-767-1594 401-921-9202 401-921-9202 401-377-7010 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	
479 SWANSEA MALL DRIVE	SWANSEA, MA 02777	508-672-5300	
581 FAUNCE CORNER ROAD	DARTMOUTH, MA 02747	508-207-9800	
STEWART PET IMAGING	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



Have questions? We're here to help!

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