Anthem's Care Comparison New tool provides quick and valuable information

Anthem's Care Comparison is a new tool designed to provide side by side comparisons on hospitals in your area. It provides both *quality* and *cost* information (where data is available) for many common procedures, such as a hip replacement. You can easily rank what's most important to you to receive customized results.

The example below shows a summary report for 5 hospitals near Columbia Missouri. A plus (+) sign means that hospital scored in the top 25% of hospitals overall and a minus sign (-) means they scored in the bottom 25%. The green tabs (shown below) give you additional information for the comparison. For example, you can easily determine for each facility how many procedures were done, incidence of complications, typical length of stay, cost and patient experience to name a few.



How the costs are calculated.

Anthem's unique approach provides a range of the estimated costs for all services that are typically a standard part of a procedure - and includes the Anthem discounts in the estimate. As the example below shows, you can easily see at a glance the range of costs (from a minimum \$17,025 to a maximum of \$32,914) for 4 out of the 5 hospitals.



Information may be limited for certain hospital services and in some areas across the state, though data will be expanding in the future.

Is this information helpful? Yes! A survey of those who have used the tool shows that the results have been overwhelmingly favorable. *Over 90% of users* of the Anthem Care comparison found the cost information valuable when making decisions.

Try it yourself!

- Go to www.anthem.com, click the Member tab
- Log into MyAnthem (requires user id/password)
- Click on the 360 Health tab, then the
- Click on Anthem Care Comparison

