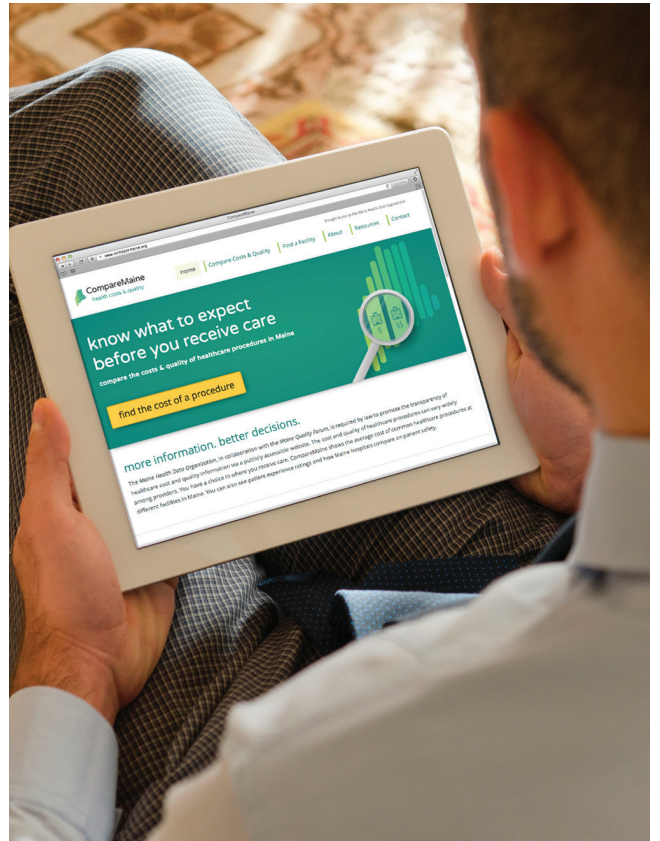


making health care more transparent

The *Maine Health Data Organization*, in collaboration with the *Maine Quality Forum*, is required by Maine law to promote the transparency of healthcare cost and quality information for common healthcare procedures via a publicly accessible website.

The cost and quality of healthcare procedures can vary widely among facilities. You may have a choice in where you receive care. CompareMaine shows the average cost of common healthcare procedures at different facilities in Maine. You can also see patient experience ratings and how Maine hospitals compare on patient safety.



here's what you can find on CompareMaine:

health care procedures

Over 200 are listed – from childbirth to knee replacement surgery to blood tests.

costs

The amount the facility typically gets paid by the insurer including member cost sharing for a medical procedure.

insurers

See the average payments made by the top five insurers (including consumer payments) to facilities. Cost data are not included for MaineCare (Medicaid) or Medicare.

patient experience

Facilities are rated by their patients on their overall experience and quality of care.

complications

Facilities are rated on their ability to prevent serious complications.

infections

Facilities are rated on how well they keep patients safe from infections.

how to use the CompareMaine website:

Maine Health Data Organization launched comparemaine.org in October to let people compare costs and patient experiences at more than 160 Maine health care facilities.

The screenshot displays the CompareMaine website interface. At the top, a search bar contains 'Hip replacement' with a dropdown arrow. Below it, the CPT Code is '27130'. A box shows the 'Maine State Average' cost of '\$32,837'. A detailed disclaimer follows, explaining that the estimate is for a 60-day episode of care. Below the disclaimer, there are 'List' and 'Map' buttons, and a 'Learn About The Data' link. The search filters section includes a search box with '04101', a 'Search' button, and a dropdown for 'Show price by insurance company'. Below this, there are 'Compare Selected Facilities' and 'sort by Average Total Cost (low to high)' options. The results table lists four facilities: Southern Maine Health Care (\$27,127), Mercy Hospital (\$32,293), Maine Medical Center (\$32,314), and York Hospital (\$45,323). Each facility entry includes a checkbox, name, address, and three bar charts for 'Overall Patient Experience', 'Preventing Serious Complications', and 'Preventing Healthcare Associated Infection (C. diff)'. On the right side, three numbered callouts (1, 2, 3) point to the search bar, search filters, and results table respectively.

Enter procedure:
Use common name or medical code, a procedure list includes hundreds of options

Search fields:
Lets you narrow to specific insurance coverage and region

Results:
Hospital location, patient ratings, cost comparison

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CompareMaine is for informational purposes only. MHDO has made every effort to provide accurate information. Cost estimates are based on typical payments and do not represent what you should expect to pay. Consult your provider and insurer to get a personalized estimate. Neither MHDO nor this website endorse any particular healthcare facility or physician in the State of Maine.