

BlueChoice Solutions: Medical Episode Group (MEG) Listing

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 Risk Adjusted Cost Index: 0.86

Working Specialty: CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE			Rating Area: Houston			
Episode Group	Description	Severity	Comorbidity Group	Episode Count	Total Cost	Total Expected Cost
1	Aneurysm: Abdominal	1.00	I	1	\$ 41,427	\$ 6,495
1	Aneurysm: Abdominal	1.00	II	1	\$ 1,133	\$ 9,316
1	Aneurysm: Abdominal	1.00	III	1	\$ 52,934	\$ 15,556
2	Aneurysm: Thoracic	1.00	I	1	\$ 2,307	\$ 1,449
4	Aortic Regurgitation	1.00	I	1	\$ 1,029	\$ 702
4	Aortic Regurgitation	1.00	II	1	\$ 613	\$ 1,043
5	Aortic Stenosis	1.00	I	6	\$ 3,875	\$ 4,080
5	Aortic Stenosis	1.00	II	17	\$ 12,557	\$ 18,870
5	Aortic Stenosis	1.00	III	5	\$ 3,472	\$ 6,980
6	Arrhythmias	1.00	I	34	\$ 34,067	\$ 38,930
6	Arrhythmias	2.01	I	15	\$ 23,855	\$ 17,430
6	Arrhythmias	2.01	II	22	\$ 14,214	\$ 34,034
6	Arrhythmias	2.01	III	11	\$ 19,321	\$ 20,273
6	Arrhythmias	2.03	I	1	\$ 293	\$ 1,267
6	Arrhythmias	2.03	II	4	\$ 22,581	\$ 8,724
6	Arrhythmias	2.03	IV	1	\$ 11,709	\$ 3,821
6	Arrhythmias	2.04	I	5	\$ 12,329	\$ 18,845
6	Arrhythmias	2.04	III	2	\$ 5,769	\$ 9,072
6	Arrhythmias	3.00	I	5	\$ 21,718	\$ 32,950
6	Arrhythmias	3.00	II	1	\$ 2,734	\$ 5,122
7	Cardiomyopathies	2.00	I	15	\$ 8,955	\$ 10,980
7	Cardiomyopathies	2.00	II	25	\$ 35,532	\$ 37,350
7	Cardiomyopathies	3.00	I	3	\$ 41,505	\$ 69,783
8	Conduction Disorders	1.00	II	2	\$ 1,166	\$ 2,472
8	Conduction Disorders	1.00	III	1	\$ 1,585	\$ 1,852
9	Congestive Heart Failure	3.00	I	15	\$ 16,730	\$ 15,480
9	Congestive Heart Failure	3.00	II	12	\$ 22,034	\$ 18,600
9	Congestive Heart Failure	3.00	III	11	\$ 21,487	\$ 23,397
9	Congestive Heart Failure	3.00	IV	5	\$ 3,434	\$ 15,065
9	Congestive Heart Failure	3.00	V	1	\$ 886	\$ 3,875
10	Angina Pectoris, Chronic Maintenance	1.01	I	49	\$ 27,641	\$ 44,541
10	Angina Pectoris, Chronic Maintenance	1.01	II	42	\$ 25,844	\$ 56,154
10	Angina Pectoris, Chronic Maintenance	1.01	III	9	\$ 13,271	\$ 14,949
10	Angina Pectoris, Chronic Maintenance	1.01	IV	28	\$ 22,386	\$ 56,392
10	Angina Pectoris, Chronic Maintenance	1.01	V	9	\$ 8,925	\$ 21,645
10	Angina Pectoris, Chronic Maintenance	1.02	I	8	\$ 31,145	\$ 20,840
10	Angina Pectoris, Chronic Maintenance	1.02	II	17	\$ 51,435	\$ 59,449
10	Angina Pectoris, Chronic Maintenance	1.02	III	9	\$ 39,882	\$ 43,317

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(Note: Sample limited to 38 of the total rows in the full report)

BlueChoice Solutions: Medical Episode Group (MEG) Listing Guide & Definitions

This report provides a summary of the information underlying the Risk Adjusted Cost Index (RACI) used to determine your eligibility for the BlueChoice Solutions network. The RACI is an indicator of the extent to which a physician (or group of physicians) is (are) more or less affordable than peers within the same specialty (specialties) in the same geographic region when treating patients with similar clinical conditions. Similar clinical conditions are episodes of care within the same level of severity in the same Medstat Episode Group (MEG) for patients with similar Comorbidity. For more detailed information on MEGs, Severity, Comorbidity Groups, Geographic Regions, and additional detail on methodology, please visit www.bcbstx.com/provider/solutions.

The data used for this report is from claims for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas (BCBSTX) BlueChoice PPO/POS members for services during the incurred period. Episodes of care were built from this data by linking sets of health care services provided to a patient over time to treat a specific disease or health status. An episode continues as long as there is relatively continuous contact with the health care system for the same basic diagnosis, disease or health status. The cost of an episode includes all allowed charges for all services provided by all physicians, ancillary providers and facilities related to that episode of care. The expected cost is based on the average allowed cost of qualified episodes partitioned by MEG, Severity, and Comorbidity Group for a specialty in a geographic area.

Solutions ID: Group provider IDs affiliated at the level of the Tax Identification Number. Solo provider IDs identified by UPIN or BPIN.

Working Specialty: The specialty by which you are compared to your peers.

Report Date: The date that the report was generated.

Geographic Area: One of 22 geographic regions in Texas used to define your peer group.

Incurred Claims Date Range: Data for this analysis includes services incurred between these dates.

Risk Adjusted Cost Index (RACI): Total cost for all qualified episodes attributed to you divided by the total expected cost for those episodes.

Episode Group/Description: The numeric code and description identifying a clinically homogenous diagnosis or problem.

Severity: Indicates the level of severity observed in episodes of a specific clinical condition (Episode Group). Subdivisions (x.xx) indicate more precise classification. Some Episode Groups are further classified using age and groups.

0	History of a significant predisposing factor for the disease, but no current pathology, e.g. history of carcinoma or neonate born to mother suspected of infection at time of delivery
1	Conditions with no complications or problems with minimal severity
2	Problems limited to a single organ or system; significantly increased risk of complications than Stage 1
3	Multiple site involvement; generalized systemic involvement; poor prognosis

Comorbidity Group: Reflects the relative number and complexity of coexisting illnesses of the patients in the episodes. Group I includes healthier individuals; Group V includes the most ill and complex. A linear relationship does not exist between Comorbidity group and episode cost (i.e. the cost for episodes of patients in Group II is not twice that of those in Group I).

For each Episode Group (row)

of Episodes: The number of qualified episodes attributed to your provider/group identification code(s).

Total Cost: The sum of the allowed cost for all of the qualified episodes attributed to you.

Total Expected Cost: The sum of the expected cost of all qualified episodes attributed to you.

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