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Facility Cost Information

Knee Replacements

Report Description

This report showcases median paid amounts for knee replacements at certain facilities in Colorado.

Notes Regarding the Data in This Report

This data represents over 65 percent of insured Coloradans with claims from the largest 22 commercial health payers (individual, large-group and small group) and Medicaid. Additional payer data will be added over time, eventually representing the vast majority of covered lives in the state.

The cost information contained in this report reflects 2012 claims from commercial payers (individual, large-group and small group), and Medicaid. Medicaid prices reflect the total price paid by Colorado Medicaid. If you have Medicaid, you will only pay a nominal copay.

The estimated price is the median price which is similar to an average but is determined based on the “middle” number when ranked from lowest to highest. The price range shows how prices typically vary at this location.

Insured prices include all payments for this service to the hospital, a provider or specialist, and other bills like lab, therapy, or anesthesia services. The estimated price includes all payments you and your health insurance plan may make if you are insured.

Disclaimer: Prices are approximate and should only be considered an estimate of what you might be expected to pay. Actual prices for services will vary depending on factors such as your current health status, insurance coverage and plan benefits (including whether the provider/hospital is within your insurance network). This information can be used as a starting point for discussions with your provider and health insurer. This site is not intended to be a sole source of information in making health care decisions and all information is subject to change on a regular basis, without notice.

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Saint Joseph Hospital and Good Samaritan prices for private insurance are lower in part due to a high percentage of Kaiser patients which only reflect hospital payments. Additional bills for the provider and other services are not included. To view non-Kaiser prices at these hospitals, select the hospital and click on "My Price".

A knee joint replacement involves removing the knee joint and replacing it with an artificial knee joint, also known as a total knee arthroscopy or a total knee replacement. Fees associated with a total knee replacement include:

1. A hospital fee. This includes the use of the operating room, operating staff and equipment, the hospital room following surgery, and nursing and therapy staff providing care prior to discharge from the hospital.
2. A provider (e.g. surgeon and anesthesiologist) fee
3. The cost of the total joint implant or device

Prices were calculated based on the All Patient Refined Diagnosis Related Group (APR DRG) code 302 and International Classification of Diseases (ICD-9) code 81.54 (with very few exceptions). Median prices reflected in this report are for “primary knee replacements” and do not include prices for “total knee revisions”.

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Uncomplicated Vaginal Birth: \$2,790

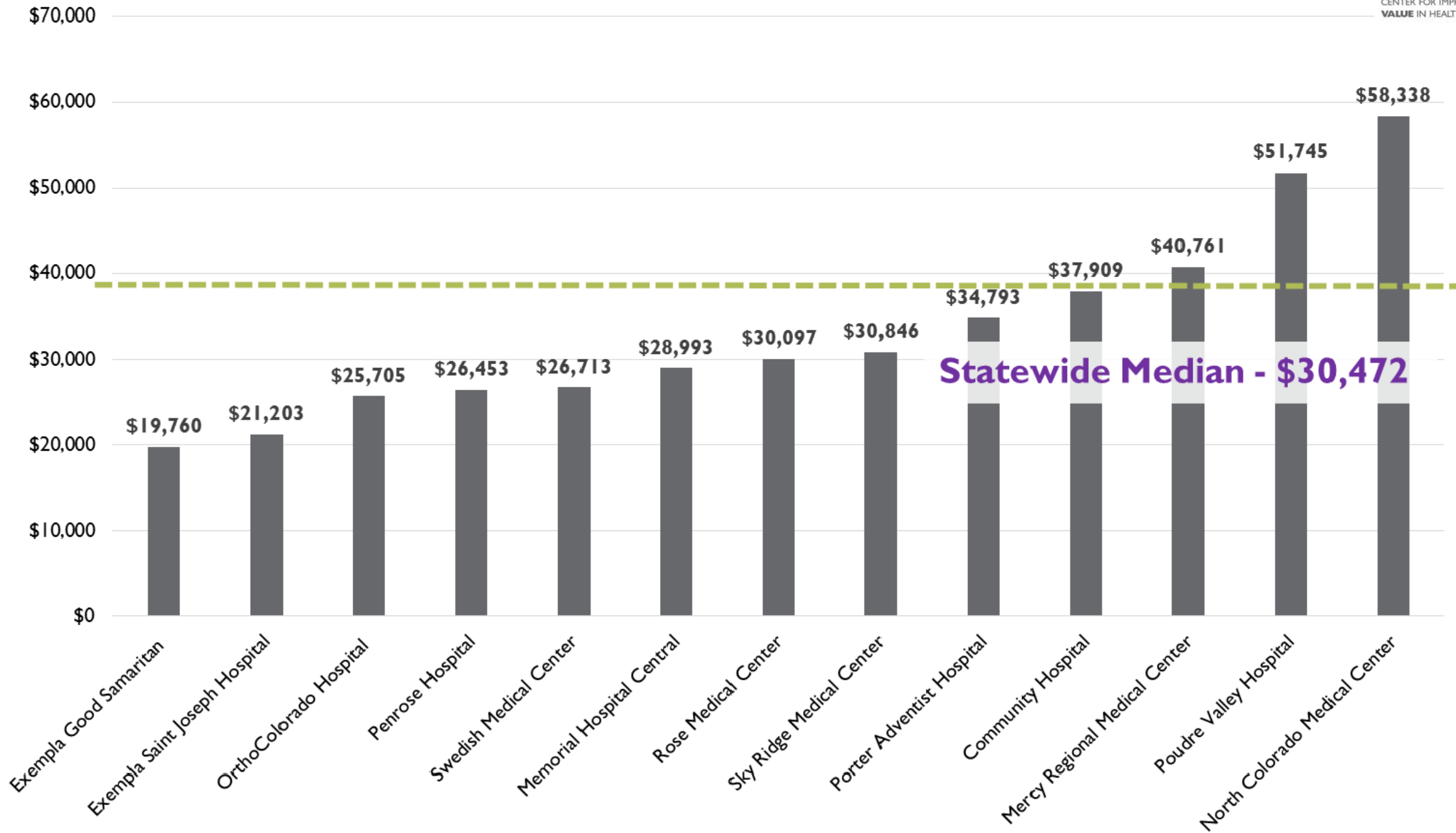
Cesarean Birth: \$2,490

Knee Joint Replacement: \$3,510

Hip Joint Replacement: \$3,742



Commercially Insured Median Knee Replacement Costs; 2012 CO APCD Data



Medicaid Median Knee Replacement Costs; 2012 CO APCD Data



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