

# 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 [myBCBSRI](#) account and clicking on "Find a Cost." You'll see how much you would have to pay, based on your plan.

You'll find real results like the estimated average costs below.

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### MRI of the knee\*

**\$380**

at a freestanding testing location

**\$1,195**

at a local hospital

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### 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 myBCBSRI account and click on "Find a Cost" then select 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

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| <b>ADVANCED RADIOLOGY INC</b>              | 2 MEEHAN LANE<br>1002 WATERMAN AVENUE<br>101 AIRPORT ROAD<br>1000 BROAD STREET<br>148 W RIVER STREET<br>335 CENTERVILLE ROAD<br>501 GREAT ROAD<br>525 BROAD STREET, STE 202<br>594 GREAT ROAD, STE 102A  | CUMBERLAND, RI 02896<br>EAST PROVIDENCE, RI 02914<br>WESTERLY, RI 02891<br>CENTRAL FALLS, RI<br>PROVIDENCE, RI 02904<br>WARWICK, RI 02886<br>NORTH SMITHFIELD, RI 02896<br>CUMBERLAND, RI 02864<br>NORTH SMITHFIELD, RI 02896  | 401-727-4600<br>401-632-0888<br>401-315-0095<br>401-722-3490<br>401-621-5800<br>401-921-1800<br>401-766-3900<br>401-727-4600<br>401-766-3900   |
| <b>OAK STREET HEALTH</b>                   | 2000 DIAMOND HILL ROAD, STE 18<br>300 QUAKER LANE, #C2-4<br>650 BRANCH AVENUE, UNIT 6<br>712 BROAD STREET  | WOONSOCKET, RI 02895<br>WARWICK, RI 02886<br>PROVIDENCE, RI 02904<br>PROVIDENCE, RI 02907  | 401-236-8820<br>401-233-5051<br>401-233-5055<br>401-262-4421   |
| <b>OPEN MRI OF NEW ENGLAND INC</b>         | 1002 WATERMAN AVENUE<br>101 AIRPORT ROAD<br>148 W RIVER STREET<br>335 CENTERVILLE ROAD<br>501 GREAT ROAD, STE 201<br>525 BROAD STREET  | EAST PROVIDENCE, RI 02914<br>WESTERLY, RI 02891<br>PROVIDENCE, RI 02904<br>WARWICK, RI 02886<br>NORTH SMITHFIELD, RI 02896<br>CUMBERLAND, RI 02864   | 401-431-5200<br>401-315-0095<br>401-621-5800<br>401-732-3205<br>401-766-3900<br>401-725-6736   |
| <b>RHODE ISLAND MEDICAL IMAGING - RIMI</b> | 1 RANDALL SQUARE<br>11 FRIENDSHIP STREET<br>1301 RESERVOIR AVENUE<br>1351 S COUNTY TRAIL, RTE 2 S<br>1500 MINERAL SPRING AVENUE<br>1525 WAMPANOAG TRAIL<br>1526 ATWOOD AVENUE, STE LL3<br>164 SUMMIT AVENUE<br>2 WAKE ROBIN ROAD, STE 107<br>200 HIGH SERVICE AVENUE<br>250 TOLL GATE ROAD<br>333 SCHOOL STREET, STE 105<br>450 VETERANS MEMORIAL PKWY, BLDG 2<br>593 EDDY STREET<br>6 BLACKSTONE VALLEY PL, STE 506 & 515<br>825 CHALKSTONE AVENUE<br>1524 ATWOOD AVENUE, STE LL5<br>1539 ATWOOD AVENUE, STE LL1<br>176 CASS AVENUE<br>227 CENTERVILLE ROAD<br>41 SANDERSON ROAD, STE 109<br>455 TOLL GATE ROAD<br>481 KINGSTOWN ROAD | PROVIDENCE, RI 02904<br>NEWPORT, RI 02840<br>CRANSTON, RI 02920<br>EAST GREENWICH, RI 02818<br>NORTH PROVIDENCE, RI 02904<br>EAST PROVIDENCE, RI 02915<br>JOHNSTON, RI 02919<br>PROVIDENCE, RI 02906<br>LINCOLN, RI 02865<br>NORTH PROVIDENCE, RI 02904<br>WARWICK, RI 02886<br>PAWTUCKET, RI 02860<br>EAST PROVIDENCE, RI 02914<br>PROVIDENCE, RI 02903<br>LINCOLN, RI 02865<br>PROVIDENCE, RI 02908<br>JOHNSTON, RI 02919<br>JOHNSTON, RI 02919<br>WOONSOCKET, RI 02895<br>WARWICK, RI 02886<br>SMITHFIELD, RI 02917<br>WARWICK, RI 02886<br>WAKEFIELD, RI 02879 | 401-272-5500<br>401-846-6400<br>401-921-9316<br>401-884-8125<br>401-921-9314<br>401-433-1166<br>401-331-0900<br>401-793-4480<br>401-475-2699<br>401-456-3765<br>401-921-9315<br>401-728-3040<br>401-435-3041<br>401-444-5174<br>401-334-3693<br>401-456-2032<br>401-921-9202<br>401-921-9202<br>401-767-1594<br>401-921-9202<br>401-921-9202<br>401-377-7010<br>401-921-9202 |

## Freestanding facilities in Rhode Island

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| <b>SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND RADIOLOGY</b> | 672 AQUIDNECK AVENUE | MIDDLETOWN, RI 02842 | 401-324-6410 |
| <b>TOLLGATE RADIOLOGY LLC</b>         | 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

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| <b>SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND RADIOLOGY</b> | 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                  | DARTMOUTH, MA 02747       | 508-973-0200 |
|                                       | 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              |              |
| <b>STEWART PET IMAGING</b>            | 70 WALNUT STREET                | FOXBORO, MA 02035         | 877-877-8455 |
|                                       | 535 FAUNCE CORNER ROAD          | DARTMOUTH, MA 02747       | 877-877-8455 |

## Freestanding facilities in nearby Connecticut

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| <b>DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING SERVICES</b> | 101 N PLAINS INDUSTRIAL ROAD | WALLINGFORD, CT 06492 | 203-694-8405 |
| <b>MERIDEN IMAGING CENTER INC</b>  | 101 N PLAINS INDUSTRIAL ROAD | WALLINGFORD, CT 06492 | 203-949-2700 |

## Have questions? We're here to help!

Call the **State of Rhode Island Employee CARE Center**  
**(401) 429-2104** or **1-866-987-3705**

Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, 8:00 a.m. – noon



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