



## Save Money on Outpatient Diagnostic Tests and Imaging Services

Costs for diagnostic tests and imaging services, like labs, X-rays, and high-tech imaging, are often among the highest when they are performed in a general hospital setting. When your health plan renews in 2019, you'll have lower out-of-pocket costs, such as copayments and co-insurance after your deductible is met, when you go to an independent clinical lab or freestanding imaging center for these services.\*

### Pay less when you choose non-hospital providers for services, such as:

- Lab work
- CT scans
- MRIs
- Nuclear medicine
- PET (tissue and organs) scans
- X-rays and other imaging tests

### Independent Clinical Lab

An independent clinical lab, where you can receive a lower cost share for services, is not part of a hospital or hospital-owned facility. Independent clinical labs perform tests or procedures, such as blood or urine tests, to help diagnose or treat medical conditions. Examples of independent clinical labs include Quest Diagnostics and LabCorp.

### Freestanding Imaging Center

A freestanding imaging center is like an independent clinical lab: lower cost share, and not owned by a hospital. Freestanding imaging centers produce specialized images, such as X-rays, MRIs, and ultrasounds, for identifying and diagnosing medical conditions. Examples of freestanding imaging centers include Shields MRI and Premier Diagnostics.

Remember to check with the office staff members at any location, to make sure they have the necessary information to deliver your test results back to your doctor in a timely manner.

### How to Find an Independent Lab or Freestanding Imaging Center:

- Use the Find a Doctor & Estimate Costs tool at [bluecrossma.com/findadoctor](http://bluecrossma.com/findadoctor), or
- Ask your doctor to refer you to a non-hospital provider, or
- Call Member Service at the number on your Blue Cross ID card

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ATTENTION: If you don't speak English, language assistance services, free of charge, are available to you. Call Member Service at the number on your ID Card (TTY: 711).

ATENCIÓN: Si habla español, tiene a su disposición servicios gratuitos de asistencia con el idioma. Llame al número de Servicio al Cliente que figura en su tarjeta de identificación (TTY: 711).

ATENÇÃO: Se fala português, são-lhe disponibilizados gratuitamente serviços de assistência de idiomas. Telefone para os Serviços aos Membros, através do número no seu cartão ID (TTY: 711).



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