

Cost/Quality Transparency Empowerment Program Web Resources: NY Health Plans

New York health plan websites can be useful resources for patients and providers when making cost and quality-related healthcare decisions.

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To access the full reviews and ratings conducted by Consumer Reports, go to:
<https://nyshealthfoundation.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/consumer-facing-health-care-cost-quality-tools-consumer-reports-brief.pdf>

NY Health Plans	Key Features:	Cost Estimator Tool
Aetna www.aetna.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Price Estimates • Drug Cost Information • Shows Patient Outcomes • Shows Value (Cost & Quality) 	Yes
Affinity www.affinityplan.org		No
Anthem/Empire BlueCross BlueShield www.EmpireBlue.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Price Estimates • Drug Cost Information 	Yes
Atlantis/Easy Choice www.easychoicehealthplan.com		No
BlueShield of Northeastern NY/BlueCross BlueShield of Western NY (now subsidiaries of HealthNow NY, Inc.) www.bsneny.com www.bcbswny.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Price Estimates • Shows Patient Outcomes 	Yes
CDPHP www.cdphp.com		No
Cigna www.cigna.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Price Estimates • Drug Cost Information • Shows Patient Outcomes • Shows Value (Cost & Quality) 	Yes

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Web Resources: NY Health Plans (cont.)**

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EmblemHealth www.emblemhealth.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Price Estimates • Drug Cost Information • Shows Patient Outcomes • Shows Value (Cost & Quality) 	No
The Empire Plan (United) www.empireplanproviders.com		No
Excellus www.excellusbcbs.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Price Estimates • Drug Cost Information • Shows Patient Outcomes 	Yes
Fidelis Care www.fideliscare.com		Yes
Healthfirst www.healthfirst.com		No
Humana www.humana.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Price Estimates • Drug Cost Information 	Yes
Independent Health www.independenthealth.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drug Cost Information 	Yes
MetroPlus Health Plan www.metroplus.com		No
MVP Health Care www.mvphealthcare.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Price Estimates • Shows Patient Outcomes • Shows Value (Cost & Quality) 	Yes
North Shore LIJ CareConnect (Northwell Health Company) www.careconnect.com www.northwell.edu		No
Oscar www.hioscar.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Price Estimates • Drug Cost Information 	Yes
Oxford Health (United Healthcare) www.oxhp.com		No
United Healthcare www.myuhc.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Price Estimates • Drug Cost Information • Shows Patient Outcomes 	Yes

Cost/Quality Transparency Empowerment Program Web Resources: Stand Alone & Cost Saving Tools

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Stand Alone Tool	Key Features:
Healthcare Bluebook www.healthcarebluebook.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • User-friendliness • Price clarity • Reliable cost estimates
Fair Health www.fairhealth.org www.fairhealthconsumer.org	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Price utility • Price clarity • Out-of-pocket estimates • Patient resources: health literacy, cost explanations, in network vs. out of networks data
NY Doctor Profile www.nydoctorprofile.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physician search tool • Legal action/ sanction database
Choosing Wisely www.choosingwisely.org	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promotes patient empowerment • Promotes provider/patient dialogue • Features cost/quality-driven treatment options/references • Patient resources (via download) available
Guroo www.guroo.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Out-of-pocket estimates • Reliable cost estimates
Mdsave www.mdsave.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provider specific pricing
Cost Saving Tool	Key Features:
Formulary Coverage (or MMIT app): http://www.formularylookup.com	Formulary lookup database
Walmart http://i.walmart.com/i/if/hmp/fusion/genericdruglist.pd	\$4 list for generic alternatives
Good RX www.goodrx.com	Coupons (patient must print coupon)
Needy Meds www.needymeds.org	Patient assistance programs and coupons (brand name drugs)
Rx Outreach www.rxoutreach.com	Discount mail order pharmacy, mostly generic drugs
De-Prescribe www.deprescribing.org	Deprescribing guidelines to support providers/patients to reduce/stop medications that may no longer be needed