Maternity Care Can't Be Bundled, Right? Another *Red Pill* for You!

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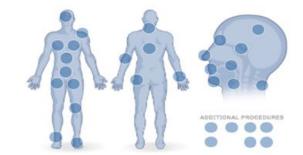
Welcome to Atlas!

You were directed to this website in order to minimize your out-of-pocket expenses for a necessary surgery. We're happy to provide transparent, bundled pricing for all of our services.

Surgery Pricing

Click on an area of the body where a surgery or procedure is needed. Use this tool to find a price and request a specialist to contact you.

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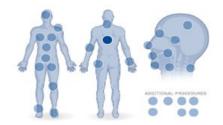
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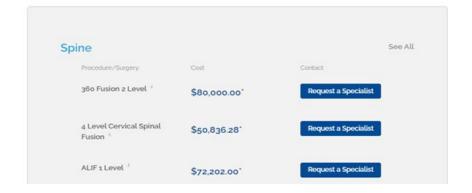
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Procedures







Cesarean Section without CC/MCC Twins 2 Day Stay	\$16,404.00°	Request a Specialist
Cesarean Section without CC/MCC Twins 3 Day Stay	\$16,604.00°	Request a Specialist
Cesarean Section without CC/MCC Twins 4 Day Stay	\$16,804.00°	Request a Specialist
Rhogam Shot ⁱ	\$300.00*	Request a Specialist
Vaginal Delivery with Complicating Diagnoses 2 Day Stay ⁱ	\$13,390.00°	Request a Specialist
Vaginal Delivery with Complicating Diagnoses 3 Day Stay	\$13,490.00°	Request a Specialist
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The Free Market Doesn't Work for Emergency Room Services, Right? Another Red Pill for You!

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Even Emergency Rooms Can Bundle Payments, Provide Price Transparency, and Contract Directly









Agenda

- The Problem
 - US Healthcare Market
 - Emergency Room Services Market
- A Free Market Solution
- Challenges and Difficulties
- Looking Forward



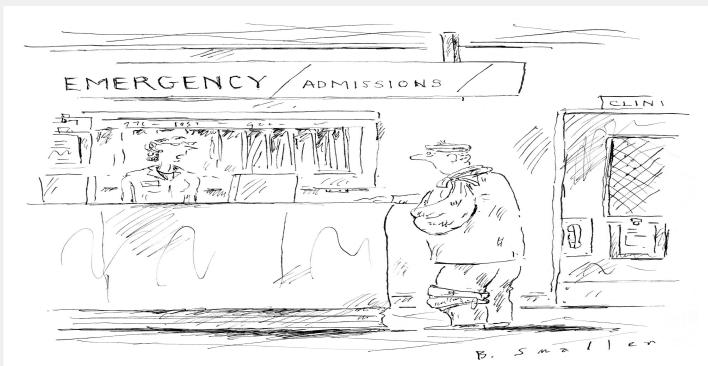
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THE PROBLEM



"There will be a bit of a wait while we figure out a market solution to your problem."

FREE MARKET MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

The Free Market Problem with Emergency Room Services

The Claim:

Free market principles are not possible with ER services

- Distorted market

- Charge vs pricing discrepancy



- Professional and institutional ER services uncoupled

- Out of Network, Balance Billing, Surprised Billing Issues

- Unpredictable utilization of services

- Emergent service prior to payment



US Healthcare Market

"A Perpetual Absurdity"

- Employee benefit model with a non-fiduciary middle-man

- CMS rate-setting and regulation untethered to a fair market

- Unaccountable bureaucracy

 Regulatory and legislative power AHA, BACUs



- ERISA

- Control of the Media Narrative

- Federal Legislation > Government Control > Market Distortion

Self-employed ASO plans



Emergency Room Market

- CMS rate setting
- Unfunded regulatory obligation (EMTALA)
- Patient Responsibility Levels
- Obligation to charge prevailing regional rate
- Variation in reimbursement rates



- Institutional E/M level coding
- Staffing Companies > Balance Billing > Surprise
 Billing
- Affordable Care Act
- No Surprise Bills Act (2022)

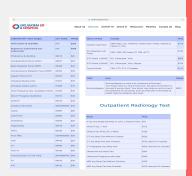


Example of a Solution

Oklahoma ER & Hospital

The price for services can and should be lowered when a fair and direct arrangement is in place

- Bundled pricing for tiered prompt payment
- Direct contracting with employers
- Referenced based pricing for TPAs





Direct Primary Care referrals

Transparent outpatient services







Level 1

\$250.00

Physician evaluation, prescriptions

Level 2

\$550.00

Tier 1 + EKG, Point of Care testing, PO Meds

Level 3

\$3050.00

Tier 2 + Basic lab testing, Injectable medications, basic plain film x-ray, ortho devices

Level 4

\$1250.00

Tier 3+IV Therapy, Ultrasound, Multiple X-rays, Invasive procedures, complicated laceration repair, complicated fracture

Level 5

\$1500.00

Tier 4 + any CT exam and or transfer to inpatient hospital

Level 6

\$2750.00

Level 5 +Observation Care



Challenges

- Traditional pathway

- Revenue Cycle Management team

- Uncompensated care

Unnecessary utilization concerns



- Federal and State regulations

- Hostile Market

- Additional Services

Special interest power



Looking Forward

- Bundled pricing first, traditional insurance second

- Free Market patient population > 70% of volume

Complete price transparency

Additional regional facilities



Looking Forward

- Bundle payments for TPAs
- Expanding services
- Integrating urgent care



Is This Solution Reproducible?



Questions?

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