



# Important change to your medical benefits

Introducing: Referenced Based Pricing for Hip or Knee Joint Replacement



## Here's what you need to know.

### IMPORTANT!

SISC members need to be aware that, effective 1/1/2012, they will be responsible for their deductible and coinsurance, as well as any charges above the \$30,000 limit for single hip joint replacement or single knee joint replacement surgeries.

We all know how expensive the cost of medical care has become. Part of the problem is there are large differences in cost among medical providers for the same care. Studies show the cost of care doesn't directly relate to the quality of care.

SISC is doing what we can to ensure the money schools and employees pay into the health care system is spent wisely. This will begin to bend the trend in health care. As a part of this effort, SISC is introducing a new program designed to help manage cost. At the same time, it will continue to provide members with choice as well as access to quality care.

Members scheduling a hip or knee joint replacement on or after **January 1, 2012** need to be aware of this program. The SISC plan payment for hospital charges will be limited to a maximum of \$30,000 for **non-emergency single hip joint replacement or single knee joint replacement surgeries. The member will be responsible for any charges above the \$30,000 limit** as well as any deductible and coinsurance.

Research shows that the hospital charges for these procedures range from \$15,000 to \$110,000, depending on which hospital was used. The hospitals listed in this brochure have historically cost at or below the \$30,000 limit for these surgeries. The hospital list is subject to change and will be updated periodically by Anthem.

It is also important to consider quality when planning a surgery. The highlighted hospitals on the list are Blue Distinction facilities for these procedures. The Blue Cross Blue Shield Association uses the Blue Distinction program to recognize facilities that demonstrate expertise in delivering quality health care.

A travel benefit is available if needed.

**Prior to scheduling a surgery, it is the member's responsibility to inform the selected hospital of the benefit limitation and confirm the total hospital costs.**



## Referenced Based Pricing for Hip or Knee Joint Replacement List of Hospitals Historically Costing At or Below \$30,000

The highlighted Blue Distinction facilities have demonstrated expertise in delivering quality health care for these procedures.

Hospital Name	County
Valleycare Medical Center	Alameda
Enloe Medical Center	Butte
Oroville Hospital & Medical Center	Butte
Fresno Surgical Hospital	Fresno
<b>St Agnes Medical Center</b>	<b>Fresno</b>
Redwood Memorial Hospital	Humboldt
Bakersfield Memorial Hospital	Kern
San Joaquin Community Hospital	Kern
<b>Cedars Sinai Medical Center</b>	<b>Los Angeles</b>
Citrus Valley Medical Center	Los Angeles
Good Samaritan Hospital	Los Angeles
<b>Huntington Memorial Hospital</b>	<b>Los Angeles</b>
Long Beach Memorial Medical Center	Los Angeles
Providence Little Company of Mary, Torrance	Los Angeles
Providence Holy Cross Medical Center	Los Angeles
Providence Saint Joseph Medical Center	Los Angeles
<b>Torrance Memorial Medical Center</b>	<b>Los Angeles</b>
Valley Presbyterian Hospital	Los Angeles
Marin General Hospital	Marin
St Helena Hospital	Napa
<b>Hoag Memorial Hospital Presbyterian</b>	<b>Orange</b>
<b>Los Alamitos Medical Center</b>	<b>Orange</b>
<b>Placentia Linda Hospital</b>	<b>Orange</b>
<b>St Joseph Hospital - Orange</b>	<b>Orange</b>
<b>St Jude Medical Center</b>	<b>Orange</b>
<b>Desert Regional Medical Center</b>	<b>Riverside</b>
<b>Eisenhower Medical Center</b>	<b>Riverside</b>
<b>John F Kennedy Memorial Hospital</b>	<b>Riverside</b>

Hospital Name	County
Riverside Community Hospital	Riverside
<b>Methodist Hospital of Sacramento</b>	<b>Sacramento</b>
<b>Loma Linda University Medical Center</b>	<b>San Bernardino</b>
San Antonio Community Hospital	San Bernardino
<b>St Bernardine Medical Center</b>	<b>San Bernardino</b>
Palomar Medical Center	San Diego
<b>Tri City Medical Center</b>	<b>San Diego</b>
<b>UCSD Medical Center</b>	<b>San Diego</b>
Dameron Hospital	San Joaquin
<b>Arroyo Grande Community Hospital</b>	<b>San Luis Obispo</b>
French Hospital Medical Center	San Luis Obispo
Sierra Vista Regional Medical Center	San Luis Obispo
<b>Twin Cities Community Hospital</b>	<b>San Luis Obispo</b>
<b>El Camino Hospital</b>	<b>Santa Clara</b>
El Camino Hospital - Los Gatos	Santa Clara
Watsonville Community Hospital	Santa Cruz
<b>Mercy Medical Center Redding</b>	<b>Shasta</b>
Palm Drive Hospital	Sonoma
<b>Santa Rosa Memorial Hospital</b>	<b>Sonoma</b>
<b>Doctors Medical Center of Modesto</b>	<b>Stanislaus</b>
Stanislaus Surgical Hospital	Stanislaus
Kaweah Delta Medical Center	Tulare
Sonora Regional Medical Center	Tuolumne
Community Memorial Hospital San Buenaventura	Ventura
Los Robles Regional Medical Center	Ventura
Ojai Valley Community Hospital	Ventura
St Johns Regional Medical Center	Ventura
Thousand Oaks Surgical Hospital	Ventura

PPO plan members have the option to choose any facility. If you seek services from one of the hospitals identified in this brochure, you may lower your out-of-pocket costs. Refer to your Summary Plan Description booklet for further details.

Anthem Blue Cross does not guarantee these hospitals fall within the benefit limitation. Discuss the limit and the cost of surgery with your selected hospital.

If you have any questions on this program, call the toll-free number on the back of your ID card.

