Figure 1: Comparison of Commercial and Medicare Prices by Service Category

Overview of studies comparing average commercial and Medicare prices for inpatient, outpatient, and professional services, as a percentage of Medicare prices.

Ratios of Medicare Advantage to Medicare FFS Prices In and Out of Network

Source, Pelech 2018. Prices for Physicians’ Services in Medicare Advantage and Commercial Plans. Medical Care Research and Review.
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Figure 2: 2017 ESI to Medicare Ratios of Mean Allowed Amounts by State

Anesthesia

- 400: Anesthesia for procedure on skin of arms, legs, or trunk
- 740: Anesthesia for procedure on gastrointestinal tract using an endoscope
- 790: Anesthesia for procedure in upper abdomen including use of an endoscope
- 810: Anesthesia for procedure on lower intestine using an endoscope
- 840: Anesthesia for procedure in lower abdominal cavity including use of an endoscope
- 1400: Anesthesia for open or endoscopic procedure on knee
- 1961: Anesthesia for cesarean delivery
- 1967: Anesthesia for labor during planned vaginal delivery

Variation in Average Prices Across MSAs, Relative to Medicare FFS

Source: CBO 2018.
Figure 4: Variation in Commercial Service Prices within States
Average commercial professional service prices as a percent of Medicare for metro areas within state compared to the state average, 2017