

Provider cost and quality information: **Cold/upper respiratory infection**

The table below contains cost and quality information on providers who treat cold/upper respiratory infection. Quality information is provided by [MN Community Measurement \(MNCM\)](#), a nonprofit health care initiative dedicated to improving patient care in Minnesota. Cost information was calculated based on Medica claims data (see the footnote at the end of this document for details).

Please note, only those clinics that had quality ratings and sufficient patient volume are included in the chart. Additional cost information is available in Main Street Medica's [Clinic section](#). To look for providers in your plan's network, visit Medica's [Find A Doctor](#).

Key:
 (–) = Information not available

MNCM quality rating for upper respiratory infection:
Above = Above average
Average = Average
Below = Below average

Cost information:
Lower Cost Medium Cost Higher Cost

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Clinic name	MNCM quality rating	Median (middle) value	Most cases cost between this range
Allina Medical Clinics	Above	\$134	\$94 - \$166
Aspen Medical Clinics	Above	\$129	\$94 - \$153
Bloomington Lake Clinics	Above	\$107	\$69 - \$140
Buffalo Clinic, PA	Above	\$100	\$69 - \$111
Children's Physician Clinics	Above	\$114	\$69 - \$132
Fairview Health System	Above	\$127	\$84 - \$164
HealthEast Clinics	Above	\$122	\$89 - \$153
MeritCare Clinics	Above	\$133	\$100 - \$154
Metropolitan Pediatric Specialists	Above	\$108	\$71 - \$128
North Memorial Clinics	Above	\$109	\$71 - \$147
Park Nicollet Health Services	Above	\$148	\$107 - \$182
Stillwater Medical Group	Above	\$118	\$88 - \$135
United Family Medicine	Above	\$121	\$81 - \$151
Altru Clinics	Average	\$121	\$82 - \$153
Avera Clinics	Average	\$117	\$72 - \$152
Brainerd Medical Group	Average	\$99	\$80 - \$112
Broadway Medical Center	Average	\$90	\$72 - \$99
Innovis Health, LLC	Average	\$100	\$79 - \$118
Mankato Clinics	Average	\$104	\$82 - \$119
Ridgeview Clinics	Average	\$127	\$79 - \$158
St Cloud Medical Group	Average	\$107	\$80 - \$129
St Croix Regional Medical Center	Average	\$101	\$74 - \$127
St Luke's Clinics	Average	\$120	\$82 - \$174
St. Mary's Duluth Clinics	Average	\$135	\$91 - \$208

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Clinic name	MNCM quality rating	Median (middle) value	Most cases cost between this range
Affiliated Community Medical Centers	Below	\$110	\$84 - \$121
CentraCare Clinics	Below	\$124	\$91 - \$142
Family HealthServices Clinics	Below	\$110	\$74 - \$126
Fergus Falls Medical Group	Below	\$105	\$81 - \$116
Grand Itasca Clinic and Hospital	Below	\$139	\$103 - \$162
Hutchinson Medical Center, P.A.	Below	\$104	\$81 - \$110
Lakeview Clinic, Ltd	Below	\$111	\$70 - \$123
Mille Lacs Family Clinics	Below	\$114	\$72 - \$145
Multicare Associates Medical Centers	Below	\$116	\$71 - \$139
North Clinics	Below	\$113	\$86 - \$133
Northwest Family Physicians	Below	\$93	\$69 - \$112
Quello Clinics	Below	\$106	\$71 - \$138
Sanford Clinics	Below	\$108	\$80 - \$127
Silver Lake Clinics	Below	\$121	\$73 - \$149

How costs were calculated

This information shows a clinic's total cost for treating a cold/upper respiratory infection. The average cost range and median listed reflect the fees associated with the facility, the physician, office visits, ancillary services and medications for one year. The conditions are categorized by Episode Treatment Groups (ETGs). Medica's commercial claims data was used, excluding the Minnesota Comprehensive Health Association (MCHA), as the basis of this analysis. The analysis included episodes that started, ended or "spanned" January 2007 through December 2008. To help ensure comparability of the findings, only complete, non-outlier, episodes were included in the analysis.

The episodes were assigned to a provider at a tax identification number (TIN) level using an attribution methodology. The methodology assigned the entire episode to any and all providers that accounted for at least 30 percent of the professional fees associated with that episode. The analysis included all types of providers who treat high blood pressure.

In order for a clinic to be listed for a given condition, they must have 30 or more episodes for that condition. A clinic's average cost is the median (or 50th percentile).

The clinics were then ordered by median cost and segmented by cost category. Cost categories were defined as follows: Low Cost - at or below the 25th percentile; Medium cost - above the 25th percentile to at or below the 75th percentile; and High cost - above the 75th percentile.

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