

Provider cost and quality information: High blood pressure

The table below contains cost and quality information on providers who treat high blood pressure. 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 high blood pressure:		
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
Altru Clinics	Average	\$868	\$179 - \$1,434
Aspen Medical Clinics	Average	\$775	\$226 - \$1,504
Broadway Medical Center	Average	\$698	\$101 - \$1,542
Buffalo Clinic, PA	Average	\$638	\$184 - \$883
Burnsville Family Physicians	Average	\$759	\$180 - \$2,503
CentraCare Clinics	Average	\$882	\$247 - \$1,572
Fairview Health System	Average	\$864	\$205 - \$1,852
Family Medical Center, P.A.	Average	\$819	\$174 - \$1,329
Family Practice Medical Center of Willmar, P.A.	Average	\$820	\$203 - \$911
Mankato Clinics	Average	\$686	\$213 - \$2,883
MeritCare Clinics	Average	\$828	\$245 - \$1,635
Multicare Associates Medical Centers	Average	\$766	\$208 - \$1,361
North Clinics	Average	\$726	\$220 - \$1,677
Northwest Family Physicians	Average	\$663	\$179 - \$1,411
Paynesville Area Medical Clinic	Average	\$808	\$268 - \$1,132
Quello Clinics	Average	\$809	\$223 - \$1,126
St Cloud Medical Group	Average	\$689	\$143 - \$1,064
Stillwater Medical Group	Average	\$681	\$207 - \$1,900
Affiliated Community Medical Centers	Below	\$790	\$280 - \$1,557
Alexandria Medical Clinic, P.A.	Below	\$689	\$251 - \$1,339
Allina Medical Clinics	Below	\$965	\$128 - \$2,183
Avera Clinics	Below	\$792	\$222 - \$1,916
Bloomington Lake Clinics	Below	\$849	\$267 - \$1,430

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Clinic name	MNCM quality rating	Median (middle) value	Most cases cost between this range
Brainerd Medical Group	Below	\$657	\$188 - \$1,354
Central Lakes Medical Center, PA	Below	\$632	\$190 - \$1,002
Edina Family Physicians	Below	\$849	\$206 - \$1,308
Family HealthServices Clinics	Below	\$689	\$207 - \$1,074
Fergus Falls Medical Group	Below	\$652	\$195 - \$706
HealthEast Clinics	Below	\$714	\$247 - \$1,728
HFA/HCMC Clinics	Below	\$955	\$246 - \$1,580
Hutchinson Medical Center, P.A.	Below	\$877	\$246 - \$1,917
Lakeview Clinic, Ltd	Below	\$706	\$207 - \$1,403
North Memorial Clinics	Below	\$916	\$146 - \$7,469
Olmsted Medical Center	Below	\$867	\$298 - \$1,229
Park Nicollet Health Services	Below	\$862	\$181 - \$1,829
Ridgeview Clinics	Below	\$682	\$200 - \$1,547
Riverwood Health Care Center	Below	\$938	\$354 - \$1,100
Sanford Clinics	Below	\$908	\$219 - \$1,966
Silver Lake Clinics	Below	\$708	\$177 - \$1,645
St Luke's Clinics	Below	\$883	\$252 - \$1,230
St. Mary's Duluth Clinics	Below	\$996	\$326 - \$1,734
United Family Medicine	Below	\$635	\$171 - \$1,109
University of Minnesota Physicians	Below	\$1,143	\$281 - \$2,005

How costs were calculated

This information shows a clinic's total cost for treating high blood pressure. 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 case-mix adjusted mean.

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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