



Green Mountain Surgery Center

Information on Cost Savings for Ophthalmology Services in an
Ambulatory Surgery Center versus Hospital Outpatient
Department from Medicare's 'Procedure Price Lookup' tool

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Plastic repair of tear ducts

Code: 68700

Patient pays (average)

\$161Ambulatory surgical centers

Average Medicare pays	\$644
Average total cost	\$805

Patient pays (average)

\$362Hospital outpatient departments

Average Medicare pays	\$1,450
Average total cost	\$1,812

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Creation of drainage tract from tear sac to the nasal cavity

Code: 68720

Patient pays (average)

\$260Ambulatory surgical centers

Average Medicare pays	\$1,042
Average total cost	\$1,303

Patient pays (average)

\$595Hospital outpatient departments

Average Medicare pays	\$2,380
Average total cost	\$2,975

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Creation of a tear drainage tract to the nasal cavity with insertion of tube or stent

Code: 68750

Patient pays (average)

\$260

Ambulatory surgical centers

Average Medicare pays	\$1,042
Average total cost	\$1,303

Patient pays (average)

\$595

Hospital outpatient departments

Average Medicare pays	\$2,380
Average total cost	\$2,975

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Probing of nasal-tear duct with insertion of tube or stent

Code: 68815

Patient pays (average)

\$161Ambulatory surgical centers

Average Medicare pays	\$644
Average total cost	\$805

Patient pays (average)

\$362Hospital outpatient departments

Average Medicare pays	\$1,450
Average total cost	\$1,812

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Removal of eye fluid (vitreous) between the lens and retina

Code: 67036

Patient pays (average)

\$354Ambulatory surgical centers

Average Medicare pays	\$1,417
Average total cost	\$1,771

Patient pays (average)

\$728Hospital outpatient departments

Average Medicare pays	\$2,912
Average total cost	\$3,640

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Vitrectomy, mechanical, pars plana approach; with endolaser panretinal photocoagulation

Code: 67040

Patient pays (average)

\$354

Ambulatory surgical centers

Average Medicare pays	\$1,417
Average total cost	\$1,771

Patient pays (average)

\$728

Hospital outpatient departments

Average Medicare pays	\$2,912
Average total cost	\$3,640

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Removal of membrane from the retina

Code: 67041

Patient pays (average)

\$354Ambulatory surgical centers

Average Medicare pays	\$1,417
Average total cost	\$1,771

Patient pays (average)

\$728Hospital outpatient departments

Average Medicare pays	\$2,912
Average total cost	\$3,640

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Vitrectomy, mechanical, pars plana approach; with removal of internal limiting membrane of retina (eg, for repair of macular hole, diabetic macular edema), includes, if performed, intraocular tamponade (ie, air, gas or silicone oil)

Code: 67042

Patient pays (average)

\$354

Ambulatory surgical centers

Average Medicare pays	\$1,417
Average total cost	\$1,771

Patient pays (average)

\$728

Hospital outpatient departments

Average Medicare pays	\$2,912
Average total cost	\$3,640

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Repair of retinal detachment; with vitrectomy, any method, including, when performed, air or gas tamponade, focal endolaser photocoagulation, cryotherapy, drainage of subretinal fluid, scleral buckling, and/or removal of lens by same technique

Code: 67108

Patient pays (average)

\$354

Ambulatory surgical centers

Average Medicare pays	\$1,417
Average total cost	\$1,771

Patient pays (average)

\$728

Hospital outpatient departments

Average Medicare pays	\$2,912
Average total cost	\$3,640

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Repair of complex retinal detachment (eg, proliferative vitreoretinopathy, stage C-1 or greater, diabetic traction retinal detachment, retinopathy of prematurity, retinal tear of greater than 90 degrees), with vitrectomy and membrane peeling, including, w

Code: 67113

Patient pays (average)

\$354

Ambulatory surgical centers

Average Medicare pays	\$1,417
Average total cost	\$1,771

Patient pays (average)

\$728

Hospital outpatient departments

Average Medicare pays	\$2,912
Average total cost	\$3,640

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Removal of implant material from outside the eye

Code: 67120

Patient pays (average)

\$195Ambulatory surgical centers

Average Medicare pays	\$781
Average total cost	\$977

Patient pays (average)

\$383Hospital outpatient departments

Average Medicare pays	\$1,533
Average total cost	\$1,917

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Removal of implant material from inside the eye

Code: 67121

Patient pays (average)

\$195Ambulatory surgical centers

Average Medicare pays	\$781
Average total cost	\$977

Patient pays (average)

\$383Hospital outpatient departments

Average Medicare pays	\$1,533
Average total cost	\$1,917

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Intracapsular cataract extraction with insertion of intraocular lens prosthesis (1 stage procedure)

Code: 66983

Patient pays (average)

\$195

Ambulatory surgical centers

Average Medicare pays	\$781
Average total cost	\$977

Patient pays (average)

\$383

Hospital outpatient departments

Average Medicare pays	\$1,533
Average total cost	\$1,917

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Extracapsular cataract removal with insertion of intraocular lens prosthesis (1 stage procedure), manual or mechanical technique (eg, irrigation and aspiration or phacoemulsification)

Code: 66984

Patient pays (average)

\$195

Ambulatory surgical centers

Average Medicare pays	\$781
Average total cost	\$977

Patient pays (average)

\$383

Hospital outpatient departments

Average Medicare pays	\$1,533
Average total cost	\$1,917

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Laser release of scar tissue between the lens and retina

Code: 67031

Patient pays (average)

\$51Ambulatory surgical centers

Average Medicare pays	\$204
Average total cost	\$255

Patient pays (average)

\$101Hospital outpatient departments

Average Medicare pays	\$394
Average total cost	\$496

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