

SAVE THE E.R. FOR EMERGENCIES

SAVE TIME AND MONEY



When you want quicker non-emergency care than you can get from your doctor, consider skipping the emergency room and going to a network urgent care center. You won't have to wait for hours in a crowded room and you pay less - up to three times less for the same care that you would get in an emergency room.

WHAT IS AN URGENT CARE CENTER?

An urgent care center is a freestanding, full-service, walk-in health care clinic that offers service seven days a week and extended hours. Appointments are not required. Urgent care centers offer the same services as primary care providers, plus some testing services such as x-rays and blood tests.

URGENT OR EMERGENCY CARE – WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

Go to an urgent care center for minor accidents like burns, cuts, strains and sprains, or common medical problems like the flu, colds, earaches, sore throat, allergic reactions and infections.

Go to an emergency room for more serious, life-threatening situations such as chest pain, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, high fever with a stiff neck, broken bones, mental confusion and major injuries.

Choose the most appropriate setting for your care. Save time and spend less for the same care.

To locate a network urgent care center, go to your member website or call the Member Service number on the back of your ID card.



OTHER WAYS TO SAVE

Choose an x-ray/imaging center or a local independent lab for imaging and blood tests. It's quicker, more convenient and more efficient – and can cost up to 30 percent less than at a hospital.