

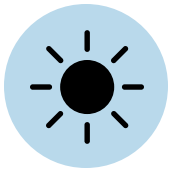
The Clear Pricing Project

What it is and why it is the clear choice for state employees, teachers, retirees and taxpayers.



Reference-based Pricing

At the heart of the Clear Pricing Project (CPP) is "reference-based pricing." Reference-based pricing ties the rate we pay for service to a widely used benchmark and adds a comfortable margin for hospitals to operate. In this case, the State Health Plan will reimburse providers at Medicare rates plus a 77 percent margin.



Increased transparency

State employees and the Plan are being overbilled for procedures by up to 900 percent, without ever knowing it. The CPP would eliminate this because hospitals would accept the same rate for treatment.



Cost savings for Plan members and taxpayers

The Clear Pricing Project will save taxpayers \$300 million annually and reduce out-of-pocket costs for treatment by more than \$60 million for state employees, teachers and retirees.



Return the power to the patients

Most North Carolinians are one major medical bill away from bankruptcy. Clear Pricing gives us, not greedy hospital executives, the power to decide how much we pay for healthcare.