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# Newsletter

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## BCBST Releases New Financial Planning Tool on August 4, 2015

As members become responsible for more of their medical costs – through increased cost-sharing and high-deductible health plans – it's more important than ever to give them the information they need to help them budget for health care expenses.

### Benefits of BCBST's New Financial Planning Tool:

- Helps members plan ahead for medical expenses and provides estimated costs on more than 1,400 episodes of care, or common medical procedures
- Helps members find quality care at a price they can afford by allowing members to compare estimated procedure costs at different doctors and facilities
- Shows members what they can expect to pay and what their plan pays using procedure estimates that are based specifically on the logged-in subscriber's benefit plan
- Delivers consistent estimates by leveraging National Consumer Cost Transparency data provided by Blue Health Intelligence and estimates that are consistently formulated both in and outside of Tennessee
- Delivers a "one-stop-shop" experience since it's integrated within our Find-a-Doctor tool and lets members compare providers and facilities side-by-side, along with quality scores, patient reviews and more – all from one screen

*Cost information displayed within the financial planning tool should be considered a high-level estimate, not a firm quote for the cost of services. Because every member's health needs are unique, actual costs could be more or less.*

**To access the new tool, members can login to BCBST's secure portal, BlueAccess, and click on "Find a Doctor" or go to the "Member Tools" section.**

**\*See attached documents for more information on the new BCBST financial planning tool!**



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