

## Premium Specialty: Cardiology

### Patient Annual Cost

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There are two methods used to determine if costs from an eligible treatment episode are included. The method used depends on the condition and the physician's specialty.

• **Always Include:** Include regardless of the attributed physician's level of involvement in the treatment of the patient's condition

• **Include if Involved:** Include if the attributed physician is responsible for at least 50% of the costs

Condition	Always Include	Include if Involved
Anxiety Disorder or Phobias		X
Aortic Aneurysm		X
Aortic Aneurysm, with Percutaneous Intervention		X
Aortic Aneurysm, with Surgery		X
Aortic Aneurysm, with Valve		X
Arterial Inflammation		X
Arterial Inflammation, with Percutaneous Intervention		X
Arterial Inflammation, with Surgery		X
Asthma*		X
Atrial Fibrillation and Flutter*	X	
Atrial Fibrillation and Flutter, with Percutaneous Intervention*	X	
Atrial Fibrillation and Flutter, with Surgery*	X	
Autoimmune Rheumatologic Diseases, except Lupus*		X
Cardiac Congenital Disorder	X	
Cardiac Congenital Disorder, with Angioplasty	X	
Cardiac Congenital Disorder, with Coronary Artery Bypass Grafting	X	
Cardiac Congenital Disorder, with Surgery (other than CABG or Valve)	X	
Cardiac Congenital Disorder, with Valve	X	
Cardiac Congenital Disorder, with Valve and Coronary Artery Bypass Grafting	X	
Cardiac Infection	X	
Cardiac Infection, with Percutaneous Intervention	X	
Cardiac Infection, with Surgery	X	
Cardiac Infection, with Valve	X	
Cardiomyopathy	X	
Cardiomyopathy, with Angioplasty	X	
Cardiomyopathy, with Coronary Artery Bypass Grafting	X	
Cardiomyopathy, with Surgery (other than CABG or Valve)	X	

Condition	Always Include	Include if Involved
Cardiomyopathy, with Valve	X	
Cardiomyopathy, with Valve and Coronary Artery Bypass Grafting	X	
Cardiovascular Diseases Signs and Symptoms	X	
Cerebral Vascular Disease		X
Cerebral Vascular Disease, with Percutaneous Intervention		X
Cerebral Vascular Disease, with Surgery		X
Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease*		X
Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease, with Surgery*		X
Chronic Renal Failure		X
Conditional Exam		X
Congestive Heart Failure	X	
Congestive Heart Failure, with Angioplasty	X	
Congestive Heart Failure, with Coronary Artery Bypass Grafting	X	
Congestive Heart Failure, with Surgery (other than CABG or Valve)	X	
Congestive Heart Failure, with Valve	X	
Congestive Heart Failure, with Valve and Coronary Artery Bypass Grafting	X	
Diabetes*		X
Diabetes, with Percutaneous Intervention*		X
Diabetes, with Surgery*		X
Diastolic Heart Failure, with Valve	X	
Diastolic Heart Failure, with Valve and Coronary Artery Bypass Grafting	X	
Embolism and Thrombosis of Veins*		X
Embolism and Thrombosis of Veins, with Percutaneous Intervention*		X
Embolism and Thrombosis of Veins, with Surgery*		X
Heart Failure, Diastolic	X	
Heart Failure, Diastolic, with Angioplasty	X	
Heart Failure, Diastolic, with Coronary Artery Bypass Grafting	X	
Heart Failure, Diastolic, with Surgery (other than CABG or Valve)	X	
Hyperlipidemia, Other*		X
Hypertension		X
Hypo-Functioning Thyroid Gland*		X
Inflammation of Esophagus		X
Inflammation of Esophagus, with Endoscopic Intervention		X
Inflammation of Esophagus, with Surgery		X
Ischemic Heart Disease	X	

Condition	Always Include	Include if Involved
Ischemic Heart Disease, with Angioplasty	X	
Ischemic Heart Disease, with Coronary Artery Bypass Grafting	X	
Ischemic Heart Disease, with Valve	X	
Ischemic Heart Disease, with Valve and Coronary Artery Bypass Grafting	X	
Non-Cerebral, Non-Coronary Atherosclerosis, Single Side	X	
Non-Cerebral, Non-Coronary Atherosclerosis, with Percutaneous Intervention, Single Side	X	
Non-Cerebral, Non-Coronary Atherosclerosis, with Surgery, unilateral	X	
Nutritional Deficiency		X
Obesity		X
Obesity, with Surgery		X
Obstructive Sleep Apnea		X
Obstructive Sleep Apnea, with Endoscopic Intervention		X
Obstructive Sleep Apnea, with Surgery		X
Other Conduction Disorders	X	
Other Conduction Disorders, with Percutaneous Intervention	X	
Other Conduction Disorders, with Surgery	X	
Other Diseases of Veins		X
Other Diseases of Veins, with Percutaneous Intervention		X
Other Diseases of Veins, with Surgery		X
Other Drug Dependence		X
Other Infectious Diseases		X
Pulmonary Embolism*		X
Pulmonary Heart Disease*	X	
Pulmonary Heart Disease, with Angioplasty*	X	
Pulmonary Heart Disease, with Coronary Artery Bypass Grafting*	X	
Pulmonary Heart Disease, with Surgery (other than CABG or Valve)*	X	
Pulmonary Heart Disease, with Valve*	X	
Pulmonary Heart Disease, with Valve and Coronary Artery Bypass Grafting*	X	
Pulmonology Diseases Signs and Symptoms		X
Routine Exam		X
Severe Heart Block		X
Severe Heart Block, with Percutaneous Intervention		X
Severe Heart Block, with Surgery		X
Severe Heart Block, with Valve		X
Severe Ventricular Rhythms	X	

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Severe Ventricular Rhythms, with Percutaneous Intervention	X	
Severe Ventricular Rhythms, with Surgery	X	
Severe Ventricular Rhythms, with Valve Surgery	X	
Valvular Disorder	X	
Valvular Disorder, with Angioplasty	X	
Valvular Disorder, with Percutaneous Intervention	X	
Valvular Disorder, with Valve	X	
Varicose Veins of Lower Extremity, Single Side		X
Varicose Veins of Lower Extremity, with Percutaneous Intervention, Single Side		X
Varicose Veins of Lower Extremity, with Surgery, unilateral		X

\*Episodes for these conditions are excluded for patients whose pharmacy cost data is not available.

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