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Briefs from Change: Healthcare Inc.

Change:healthcare Inc. re-launched its cost ratings tool, **Medstimate**, which publishes the amount health care providers nationwide accept as negotiated prices for their services. It is rolling out pricing models for services from more than 1.5 million providers and price ranges for more than 10,000 medical services. The pricing data is being released in phases; the first is negotiated price ranges for hospital inpatient and outpatient service. Average regional negotiated price data on all physicians, dentists, chiropractors, medical clinics, and nursing homes nationwide will be available on its website. Over time, more detailed price ranges for these services will be integrated into the site market-by-market.

The data has been culled from a variety of up-to-date resources, including the government, insurers, providers, consumers, and other sources. In addition, the company dropped its access fee to the Medstimate scores, making the service free-of-charge for any consumer. Change:healthcare provides Internet-based solutions such as its medical bill management platform. Their products are available directly to health care consumers, third party administrators, health care providers, medical bill adjudicators, and employers. www.changehealthcare.com