



The file posted here reflects charges for items and services provided by Mercy Medical Center as of January 1, 2019. This type of file is commonly referred to as the hospital's "chargemaster." In Maryland, the average rate for hospital services – radiology, laboratory, intensive care day - are regulated by the Maryland Health Services Cost Review Commission (HSCRC), a state regulatory agency. The HSCRC sets average hospital rates on January 1 and July 1 every year. Mercy Medical Center, and all other Maryland hospitals, plan to post this information semi-annually to coincide with hospital rate setting. Hospital charges **do not** include charges for physician services, commonly referred to as professional fees, which are separate from the hospital bill.

Though the state sets hospital rates as of a certain date, hospital charges are allowed to fluctuate during the course of the year, and, detailed charges for certain items may be different than the average approved rate that covers a larger group of services. Charges on individual hospital bills may be different than the charges posted here because they change during the course of the year. This is both allowable and normal as hospitals adjust charges frequently to comply with other regulations. Rates are set on average, and the underlying service charges may vary because they are components of that average. Mercy Medical Center, and other Maryland hospitals, believe that it is impractical to update charges that are posted more than twice per year because charges are frequently changed.

If you have any questions about this file or need an estimate for services please contact the Mercy Customer Service department at 410-951-1700.