



# Patient Estimates User Guide

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## Introduction

**Patient Estimates (PE)** is a user-friendly product that allows patient cost estimates to be generated by utilizing information from the charge description master (CDM), payer contracts, claims data, and eligibility response data such as copay, deductible, and coinsurance. Multiple search options and customized templates make it easy for users to find the right procedure, while easy-to-read estimate breakdowns allow for transparency so that users and patients can understand how the estimate was calculated.

PE is able to calculate different types of estimates based on a facility's needs. Available estimate types include **hospital** (facility) estimates, **professional** (physician) estimates, and **combined** estimates of both hospital and professional charges. Unless otherwise noted, the instructions on the subsequent pages will use examples from a hospital estimate. Hospital, professional, and combined estimates all follow the same general steps detailed in this guide. However, there are slight differences in professional and combined estimates that will be covered in dedicated sections beginning on page 28. Please note that the types of estimates implemented varies by facility. Not all estimate types are available at all facilities.

The following guide will instruct readers on the use of PE within the **eCare NEXT (eCN)** platform. The settings shown in this manual are provided as examples only and may not be reflective of the configuration at your facility.





## Navigation

Estimates may be generated as soon as active eligibility for the patient has been received by eCare NEXT. Users may access PE through the NEXT Bar or by clicking on the **Estimate** chevron in eCare NEXT.

To access PE from the NEXT Bar, click the **EST** button. "EST" stands for Estimate.

DAVIS, JANE	OR AL DG CV NOA AUTH NEC EST FAS	COL
ACCT #: 000001		
MRN : 56789	Message received on 03/17/2017 @ 10:30 AM	

Depending on an individual facility's settings, the chevrons may appear at the top of the eCare NEXT page or the left side of the page.









The estimate screen will display.

ESTI	MATE		
Facilit	ty: Select a fa	acility 🔻	
	Step 1:	Pick Procedures	LAUNCH
	Step 2:	Estimate Results Select Procedures first to run an estimate.	

Users at facilities with multiple sites may have a dropdown menu allowing them to select a specific site. For most clients, a default facility may already be selected. This facility is chosen based on the location data sent in messages from your registration system.

If a facility has not been selected or you desire to choose a different facility, make a selection from the dropdown menu.

Facility: Select a facility...

The page will refresh to allow the available procedures to update in accordance with the specified facility's CDM, commonly referred to as the **chargemaster**.

Please wait while procedures are updated...

Click anywhere on the **pick procedures** banner to begin.







A new pop-up window will display. Select the procedures or services that the patient will be receiving during their visit to your facility using one of the search options on the left side of the screen.

Select Proc	edu	ıre(s)	×
CHARGEMASTER SEARCH		Start Page	
CLAIMS SEARCH	- N	Please select a search or a category on the left to start	Salacted Procedures
TEMPLATE SEARCH	- E		Selected Procedules
EASY SEARCH	- E		
GENERIC PROCEDURES	- E		
CARDIOLOGY	- E		
CT SCAN	- E		
CT SCAN WITH & W/O CON	FRAST		
CT SCAN WITH CONTRAST	- E		
EMERGENCY SERVICES	- E		
INPATIENT PROCEDURES A	•		
INPATIENT PROCEDURES E-	Þ		
INPATIENT PROCEDURES K	•		
INPATIENT PROCEDURES P			
INPATIENT PROCEDURES T-			
LAB (A - D)	- Þ		
LAB (E - J)	- Þ.		
LAB (K - P)	- Þ		
LAB (Q - Z)	- Þ.		
MRA			
MRA WITH & W/O CONTRAS	ST 🕨		
MRA WITH CONTRAST			
MRI			
MRI WITH & W/O CONTRAS	T ⊳		
MRI WITH CONTRAST			
NEUROLOGY			
NUCLEAR MEDICINE			
NURSERY	. 🖻 🛛		
OUTPATIENT PROCEDURES	A-		
OUTPATIENT PROCEDURES	F-▶		
OUTPATIENT PROCEDURES	M->		





## Search Options

PE offers several search options to help you easily locate the procedures that you need for the estimate. Search options include the **Chargemaster Search, Template Search, Easy Search**, and **Claims Search**.

Please note that not all search options are enabled at all facilities.

## Chargemaster Search

The **Chargemaster Search** searches the facility's chargemaster by keyword, CPT code, or charge code for procedures that have a **fixed price** in the CDM. Please note that CDMs may contain codes or charges with similar or identical names. Without knowing the charge code, entries such as these may appear to a user to be duplicates. This search option is often recommended for users that know the exact charge code, or for procedures that aren't in the template. To use the Chargemaster Search, type your search criteria into the search field and press enter.

CHARGEMASTER SEARCH	•	CHARGEMASTER SEARCH
CLAIMS SEARCH	$\gg$	CBC
TEMPLATE SEARCH	$\gg$	
	1.0	

All matching results will be displayed. The 🕑 next to the results in the example below indicates that these procedures are considered hospital (facility) procedures.

Click on the desired procedure.







The procedure will now be listed on the right side of the screen under the **selected procedures** section. This section can be thought of as the patient's "shopping cart". To remove an item from the cart, click the **x** next to the procedure name. To "check out" and run the estimate, click **I'm done**.



#### Chargemaster Search, Specific

**Chargemaster Search, Specific** contains all of the functionality of the regular Chargemaster Search, but allows for searches to be more precise by providing separate fields to search by CPT code, description, charge code, and rev code.

For example, when searching the regular Chargemaster Search for CPT 71020, a user may notice that in addition to results with the CPT 71020, there may also be some seemingly unrelated results. This can be due to "71020" being a part of the charge code. Chargemaster Search, Specific would ignore the charge code results and only show CPT code results if the search criteria was entered into the "CPT code" field.

CHARGEMASTER SEARCH, SPECIFIC	۲	<b>^</b>	ChargeMaster Search, Specific
HISTORICAL SEARCH, ENHANCED	▶		CPT Code:
GENERIC PROCEDURES	►		
BREAST CENTER	►		Charge Code:
CARDIAC CATH	▶		Revenue Code:





Search criteria may also be combined. For example, CPT code of 71020 with a revenue code of 320.

ChargeMaster Search, Specific		*	Click on an item to select it.
CPT Code:	71020		71020-LM CHEST, 2V
Description:			71020-XR CHEST,2 VIEW
Charge Code:			
Revenue Code:	320		





### Template Search

The **template** is a list of predefined categories of frequently-used procedures custom-built for each facility to make it easier for users to find and pick the correct procedure. The template is intended for procedures that have a **fixed price** in the CDM.

To browse the template, click on any of the categories listed below the search options, such as CT, MRI, or Ultrasound. Template categories will vary by facility.

Click on a category name to display the procedures for the selected category. Click on the desired procedure name to add the charge to your list of selected procedures.

CHARGEMASTER SEARCH	•	CT W & W/O CONTRAST
CLAIMS SEARCH	- IN-	
TEMPLATE SEARCH	- IN-	CT CERVICAL SPINE W/O & W CONTRAST
EASY SEARCH	- IN-	_@
GENERIC PROCEDURES	- IN-	CT CHEST W/0 & W CONTRAST
AUDIOGRAM	- IN-	$= \Theta$
AUDIOLOGY	- IN-	CT HEAD OR BRAIN W/O & W CONTRAST
CARDIOLOGY	- IN-	
CT W & W/O CONTRAST	•	CTIAC W/0 & W CONTRAST
CT W/ CONTRAST		
DEXA SCAN	- IN -	

The template may be quickly searched and sorted via the **template search**. Enter your search criteria in the search field and press **enter**.







Results will be displayed. Click on an item to make a selection.

CHARGEMASTER SEARCH		Search Results for 71020
CLAIMS SEARCH	- IN-	Click on an item to select it.
TEMPLATE SEARCH	•	
EASY SEARCH		H 71020-CHEST PA LAT (PRE SURG) 2V
GENERIC PROCEDURES	- Þ-	
AUDIOGRAM	- Þ-	1020-CHEST PA LATERAL 2V

The procedure will now be listed on the right side of the screen under the **selected procedures** section. This section can be thought of as the patient's "shopping cart". To remove an item from the cart, click the **x** next to the procedure name. To "check out" and run the estimate, click **I'm done**.

l'm Done
Selected Procedures
H 71020-CHEST PA LATERAL 2V

#### **Grouped Procedures**

Procedures that will always be performed together may be **grouped** on the template. This functionality saves time and ensures procedures aren't missed by allowing users to select multiple procedures with a single click.

A group is identified by a  $\square$  icon next to the procedure name. Hover the mouse over the desired procedure to view the items that are a part of the group. Click on an item to make a selection.







#### Easy Search

**Easy Search** combines the functionality of the Chargemaster Search and the Template Search to allow users to search both at the same time. Users may also use Easy Search to search just the Chargemaster or just the template by making a selection from the search type dropdown. To use this search option, type a code or keyword into the search field. Results will automatically begin to populate below.

EASY S	EARCH								
Search:	71020		Search Type:	BOTH	•				
•	Category	\$	CDM Group	\$	Proc Code	Contraction	\$	Rev Code ≎	CDM Code \$
					7102	20 HXR CHEST INSPIRATN/EXPIRATN 2V		324	84600519
					7102	20 HXR CHEST PA/LAT (PRE-SURG	;)	324	84600642
					7102	20 HXR CHEST PA AND LATERAL		324	84600733
					7125	50 🛞 CT CHEST WO CONTRAST		352	84710201
ô	RADIOL	OGY			7102	20 HCHEST PA LAT (PRE SURG) 21	/	324	84600642
Ô	RADIOL	OGY			7102	20 🖲 CHEST PA LATERAL 2V		324	84600733

#### Legend:



Chargemaster Result

Template Result

In addition to the procedure code and description, Easy Search results will also display the procedure's template category, CDM group, revenue code, and CDM code.

Click a result to make a selection. The procedure will now be listed on the right side of the screen under the **selected procedures** section. To run the estimate, click **I'm done**.

l'm Done
Selected Procedures
T1020-CHEST PA LATERAL 2V





## Claims Search

**Claims Search** uses data collected from the facility's 837 claim files to provide a historical claim price when a procedure is searched. This search option allow for estimates to be given on procedures that do **not** have a fixed price in the facility's CDM, such as outpatient surgeries and inpatient stays.

To begin, select a patient type from the dropdown menu, then search by CPT or ICD. Additionally, users may search by DRG for inpatients. In the example below, a search for CPT 45380 is shown with a result of 811 hits. The number of **hits** is the number of claims that match the specified CPT code.

Patient Type Outpat	ient 🔻		
Search			
CPT/HCPC	45380		
	(45380) (811 hits)	COLONOSCOPY, FLEXIBLE; WITH BIOPSY, SINGLE OF	MULTIPLE
		4m	

If desired, enter any additional inclusions or restrictions, such as diagnosis, provider, or location. Click **search**.

CLAIMS SEARCH		
Patient Type Outpat	tient 🔻	
Search		
CPT/HCPC		
ICD Procedure		Primary Only
Additional Res Include ER Resu	<b>trictions</b> Its s/POS Details	
Note: Diagnosis cod	es with * denote ICD-10	
Diagnosis		Primary Only
Attending Provider	All	▼
Location	All	▼
		Search Reset





The results page will break down the claims by revenue code and diagnosis. If a user does not know the diagnosis code, Experian Health best practice is to pick the top result. Click on the desired result to proceed.

Cle Showi	Claim Search Results Showing 49 entries							
#	Description	CPT/HCPC	Rev Code	Diagnosis	Total			
264	(45380) COLONOSCOPY, FLEXIBLE; WITH BIOPSY, SINGLE OR MULTIPLE	45380	360	V7651	6265.82			
84	(45380) COLONOSCOPY, FLEXIBLE; WITH BIOPSY, SINGLE OR MULTIPLE	45380	360	V1272	6310.06			

The next screen will show a breakdown of all associated charge line items that are present on at least 70% of the claims searched. Users may uncheck any line items that they do not wish to have included in the estimate. If the user is unsure of which line items should be included, it is recommended that they leave all lines checked. Click **select** to add the procedure to the estimate.

Showing 6 entries Diagnosis: V7651 Total Charges: \$6265.82						
All of these Charge Line items came back a Review and uncheck the Charge Line item if		Select Ba	ck			
Description	CPT/HCPC	Modifiers	Rev Code	Units	Charge	Use ✔ All
MED SUR-SUPPLIES			270	1	122.82	
LEVEL IV - SURGICAL PATHOLOGY, GROSS AND MICROSCOPIC EXAMINATION ABORTION - SPONTANEOUS/MISSED ARTERY, BIOPSY BONE MARROW, BIOPSY BONE EXOSTOSIS BRAIN/MENINGES, OTHER THAN FOR TUMOR RESECTION BREAST, BIOPSY, NOT REQUIRING MICROSCOPIC EVALUATION OF SURGICA	88305		310	2	996.84	•
COLONOSCOPY, FLEXIBLE; WITH BIOPSY, SINGLE OR MULTIPLE	45380		360	1	4241.11	
INJECTION, MIDAZOLAM HYDROCHLORIDE, PER 1 MG	J2250		636	1	23.75	
INJECTION, FENTANYL CITRATE, 0.1 MG	J3010		636	1	21.87	
RECOVERY ROOM			710	1	859.43	





## Estimate Results

Once all services have been selected, click **I'm done** to run the estimate.



After a brief calculation, the estimate results will display. The estimated patient responsibility will be listed at the top of the estimate, with a detailed explanation below. In the example below, the estimate result is \$293.

Selected users may see a red delete estimate button located near the top of the screen. This function can be useful when running test estimates during user-acceptance testing and training. This function is permissions-based and is only visible for select users.

	Step 1:	Pick Procedures	Resubm	n	,	LAUNCH				
$\checkmark$	Step 2:	Estimate Results	\$293.0	0						DELETE ESTIMATE
		Patient								
		Patient Name Insurance Account Number Policy Number Status Subscriber Number Processed On	Test Training UNITED HLTHCR Verified	PPO/POS/OA 87726 - UNIHPPC	0					
		Characters remaining: 200 account notes	0		< >	Characters rema printed note	ining: 2000 S			$\hat{}$
		Update Notes								
		Services								
		Charge Code Se	rvice Definition	Charge Description	Svc C	harge	Adj Charge	Quantity	Total	
		93307 <mark>483</mark> Ho	spital Outpatient	ECHO W/2D & M MODE	\$1	,221.00	\$825.40 Tot	1 al Charges	\$825.40 \$825.40	

The estimate results are broken into four sections: **patient, services, benefits**, and **representative script**.





## Patient

The **Patient** section displays account overview information, including the patient's name and policy number. This section also displays the name of the insurance plan that is being used to value the estimate.

Patient				
Patient Name Insurance Account Number Policy Number Status Subscriber Number Processed On	Test Training UNITED HLTHCR PPO/POS/OA 87726 - UNIHPP00 Verified			
Characters remaining: 200	00	C	haracters remaining: 2000	
account notes	^		printed notes	~
	~			$\sim$
Update Notes				

#### Notes

This section also contains two text boxes. The box labeled **"account notes"** (left) is intended for internal notes. These notes will be visible to any user who accesses the patient estimate via eCN. The box labeled **"printed notes"** (right) is intended for patient-facing comments. Notes typed in this field will be displayed on the printed PDF estimate that can be provided to patients.

After entering notes in either box, click **update notes** to save the changes.

ſ	Characters remaining: 2000	0	characters remaining: 2000	_
	account notes		printed notes	~
	~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~	6		$\sim$
	Update Notes			





#### Services

The **Services** section lists the procedures and services on the estimate. Each service will be listed on a separate line.

ſ	Services						
L	Charge Code	Service Definition	Charge Description	Svc Charge	Adj Charge	Quantity	Total
l	93307 483	Hospital Outpatient	ECHO W/2D & M MODE	\$1,221.00	\$825.40	1	\$825.40
					Tot	al Charges	\$825.40 <sup>1</sup>

**Charge Code** – The first value listed in this column is the procedure's CPT, ICD-10 or DRG code. The number in purple in the example above is the revenue code.

**Service Definition** – The specific benefit category that the procedure falls under. The service definition drives the logic that pulls the applicable benefits from the coverage response for the estimate calculation.

**Charge Description** – The name of the procedure or service.

Service Charge – The unadjusted price of the procedure as reflected in the facility's CDM.

**Adjusted Charge** – The insurance-adjusted charge once the applicable payer contract has been applied, commonly referred to as the payer's **allowable amount**.

**Quantity** – The quantity will default to 1. Users may manually change the quantity value when needed. If adjusting the quantity, click the **recalculate** button located near the bottom of the estimate.

For an explanation of how the charges were calculated, click on the yellow information icon. The details of the calculation will be displayed below.







#### Discounts

PE has the ability to automatically calculate applicable **self-pay** and **prompt-pay** discounts. When applicable, these discounts will appear as part of the estimate results just below the service breakdown.

Discounts are custom-programed in accordance with each facility's financial assistance policies. The patient responsibility and discount percentage fields may be manually adjusted when appropriate. If making adjustments to these fields, click the **recalculate** button to allow the system to make any changes to the estimate total.

Discounts				
Patient Responsibility	Discount	Savings	Amount Due	
\$2970.00 Recalculate Previous	Self-Pay 40%	\$1,188.00	\$1,782.00	





### Benefits

The patient's individual benefits are applied in the **Benefits** section. The values listed in these fields are taken from the eligibility response located under the **Coverage** chevron, and include copay, coinsurance, deductible, and out-of-pocket (OOP) amounts.

Please note that the overall deductible and out-of-pocket amounts are listed for information only. Only the deductible remaining and out-of-pocket remaining are used in the calculation of the estimate.

If making manual changes to the information in this section, click on **recalculate** to allow the estimate total to reflect the changes. Previously run estimates can be viewed by clicking on **previous**.

To view a copy of the estimate in PDF format, select a language from the dropdown menu and click **print estimate**. You may print this document and provide it to your patient for their reference. Estimate print-outs are available in English and Spanish. Additional languages may be available if a translation is provided to Experian Health by your facility.

Benefits		
Out of Pocket Options	Vac No	
Deductible Applies to OOP	resono	
Co-Pay Applies to OOP	)Yes()No	
Constant Onternation		
Service Categories	Hospital Outpatient	
Payer	Primary	
Total Adj Charges	\$825.40	
Co-Pay	\$200.00	
Co-Insurance	15.00%	
Individual Deductible	\$0.00	
Individual Deductible Remaining	\$0.00	
Family Deductible	\$0.00	
Family Deductible Remaining	\$0.00	
Individual Out of Pocket	\$5350.00	
Individual Out of Pocket Remaining	\$4509.60	
Family Out of Pocket	\$10700.00	
Family Out of Pocket Remaining	\$8094.39	
Estimated Patient Responsibility	\$293.81 🔒	
Pocalculata Provinue		English M Print Estimate
Recalculate Previous		





For a detailed breakdown of the estimate calculation, click on the yellow "i" next to the estimated patient responsibility.

Service Categories	Hospital Outpatient
Payer	Primary
Total Adj Charges	\$825.40
Co-Pay	\$200.00
Co-Insurance	15.00%
Individual Deductible	\$0.00
Individual Deductible Remaining	\$0.00
Family Deductible	\$0.00
Family Deductible Remaining	\$0.00
Individual Out of Pocket	\$5350.00
ndividual Out of Pocket Remaining	\$4509.60
Family Out of Pocket	\$10700.00
Family Out of Pocket Remaining	\$8094.39
Estimated Patient Responsibility	\$293.8

The information shown in the estimate explanation can help you and your patient to understand how the estimated amount is determined.

Estl	mate Expla	anation	
5TA22	\$825.40	Insurance Adjusted Charges	
-	\$0.00	subtract Individual Deductible Remaining	
-	\$200.00	subtract Co-Pay	
-	\$625.40	equals Subtotal	
×	15.00%	multiply Co-Insurance Percentage	
-	\$93.81	equals Co-Insurance Amount	
This	estimate i	s set to Exclude Deductible and Include Co-Pay from OOP Calculation	
+	\$200.00	add Co-Pay	
—	\$293.81	equals Subtotal	
Com	pare to OC	OP, Use \$293.81 since it's the lesser of \$293.81 and \$4,509.60	
+	\$0.00	add back Individual Deductible Remaining	
-	\$293.81	equals Subtotal	
2	\$293.81	Estimated Patient Responsibility	





#### **Out-of-Pocket Options**

At the top of the Benefits section, some users may have the option to choose whether or not the deductible and copay apply toward the out-of-pocket (OOP) amount. By default, the deductible does not apply toward OOP, but the copay does apply. If a payer response indicates otherwise, users with this option may alter the estimate settings by clicking on the applicable radio button and clicking **recalculate**. Please note that this option is permission-based and may not be present for all users.

Out of Pocket Options	
Deductible Applies to OOP	OYes⊙No
Co-Pay Applies to OOP	● Yes⊖ No





#### Representative Script

The final section of the estimate contains the **representative script**, which includes suggested language that users are encouraged to use when speaking with patients about their estimate. This script will vary by facility, but generally includes a reminder that the patient is being provided with an estimate, not a guarantee of final billed charges. The **script language** may be changed to the patient's preferred language using the dropdown menu. The representative script is customizable and may vary by facility.

Click the **yes, I read this script to the patient** button to confirm that you have read this information to the patient.



#### **Reference Number**

The bottom of each estimate contains a unique reference number as well as the name of the user who ran the estimate. When contacting Customer Support about an estimate, please include the reference number.

> Reference #: 34M1YDZO Estimate run by Heather Kalapodis





## "Shopper" Estimates

With the rising cost of healthcare, patients have become increasingly savvy at shopping around for their healthcare. As consumers, they want to know how much they're going to owe for their care, so many facilities have seen an increase in inquiries from **"window shoppers"** – patients calling around to multiple facilities to see where they can get the best value before scheduling a procedure.

Since these patients will not yet have a scheduled visit for their procedure in your registration system, their information won't be automatically available in eCare NEXT. However, you can still run an estimate by manually adding a patient to eCare NEXT via the **Quick Launch** function.

Quick Launch can be accessed by clicking on **create a new patient** in the work queue.

Search 1 🗸 of	14					Create a New Patient
STATUS	DOS	MRN	<u>×</u> •	ACCOUNT	OVERVIEW	
No status	01/11/2017	0000001		0000001	Registered by: Chase Pilkington	
					Created by: Chase Pilkington	
					Updated by: Chase Pilkington	
					Facility:	
					Patient Email Test:	

Manually key in the patient's information. Name and birthdate are required fields for patient registration. By default, you will see tabs for **demographics, coverage,** and **encounter**. To turn off tab mode and display all fields on one page, turn off the tabs mode.

Demographics Coverage Encounter	TABS ON III	Existing Account Search
	* required fields	
Account Number	MRN	
		Minimum Data For
Patient Information		Patient Registration
		📕 Highlight minimum data
Date of Birth * Sex	Home Phone	
🥅 🔘 Male 🔘 Female		Address Verification
Patient Last Name *	Address 1	Highlight minimum data
		Eligibility Verification
Patient First Name *	Address 2	Highlight minimum data
Defined Middle News	0.4	PayNav
Patient Middle Name	Спу	Highlight minimum data
		Estimates
Patient SSN	State ZIPCode	Highlight minimum data
Guarantor Information 🔽 same as nati	ent	Pre-Certification
		Highlight minimum data
Date of Birth Sex	Home Phone	Medical Necessitv
🥅 🔘 Male 🔘 Female		Highlight minimum data
	Address 1	





Navigate to the coverage tab and enter the patient's insurance information, if applicable. eCN will use this information to run a verification of the patient's eligibility so that their benefits may be factored into the estimate. Required fields for running an estimate on an insured patient are shown in gold below.

Demographics Coverage Encounter	TABS ON
Insurance 1	* required fields
Insurance Type Commercial Plan Code Service Type Run all service types Subscriber Information Same as patient	✓
Subscriber Relation to Patient Self Subscriber Date of Birth Subscriber Last Name	Group Number Subscriber ID Subscriber Address 1
Subscriber First Name	Subscriber Address 2
Subscriber Middle Name	Subscriber City
Subscriber SSN	State ZIPCode
	Add Insurance

If the patient is uninsured, select **self-pay** from the **insurance type** dropdown. Leave the other insurance dropdown menus and fields blank.

Insurance Type Commercial Medicaid	Payer
Medicare Military CHIP TPA	
Self-Pay	pes





After filling out all required information, scroll to the bottom of the screen and click on **submit new patient.** Alternatively, you may select the **cancel** button to back out of the account creation process, or the **start over** button to clear the form.

The following message will appear after the successful creation of a new patient:



The user may choose to **return to the work queue, create another patient,** or **go to the patient account** using the buttons provided. If no selection is made, the user will automatically be redirected to the patient account page in eCN.





If needed, patient information may be modified under the Quick Launch chevron by clicking **edit patient account.** 

Click the **estimate** chevron to run an estimate and follow the steps for estimate creation detailed in the previous sections of this guide. Please note that before running the estimate, it is suggested that users check the status of the eligibility request to ensure that it has returned an eligible response from which benefits can be utilized.

TEST, PATIER ACCOUNT PHC_10a577c2- MRN PHC_7608f384-	NT 4377-4c1e-a5b5-667fb96d 16c2-41d2-a3a6-11c3acd0	151a6 3234 s	BIRTH 03/08/2017 SERVICE 03/16/2017	TYPE LOCATION		enter com EDFU
QUICK LAUNCH						J
ALERTS	ACCOUNT	SUM	MARY			
DEMOGRAPHICS	Demographics	Coverage	Encounter		Edit Patie	ent Account
COVERAGE	Patient Infor	mation				
▶ NOA		Name: T	est, Patient			
AUTH		Address:				
MED NEC	Hom Date	e Phone: of Birth: 0	3/08/2017			
PRE-CERT		Sex:				
ESTIMATE	Guarantor In	formation				
TRIAGE		Tormation				





## **Professional Estimates**

Facilities utilizing PE's **professional estimates** functionality will have access to the same search options detailed earlier in this guide. However, when utilizing these search options for professional estimates, users will be prompted for additional information.

## Chargemaster/Template/Easy Search

Let's take a look at the example below, which uses the Chargemaster Search. The P next to the service name indicates a professional charge.

Click on an item to select it.

CHARGEMASTER SEARCH	•	Search Results for 27825
CLAIMS SEARCH	•	Click on an item to select it.
TEMPLATE SEARCH		
EASY SEARCH		P27825-27825 A REAIR LOWER LEG FRACTURE 27825S
	-	

When using the **Chargemaster Search, Template Search,** or **Easy Search** for professional estimates, users will be prompted with the following screens when selecting an item.

Enter the diagnosis (if known), or leave the default diagnosis (Z7689) in the diagnosis field and click **ok**. Please note that the diagnosis screen may not display in all cases.

Diagnosis		
Z7689	×	ок
(Z7689) Perso	ons enco	ountering health services in other specified circumstances





If known, enter the **professional details**, such as location, physician, participating/nonparticipating, modifier(s), type of service, and place of service. If unknown, leave the fields blank. Click **add** to add the service to the patient's **selected procedures** column.

Professional Details		
Location	Select One	~
Physician	<b>~</b>	Par Non Par
Modifiers		
Type Of Service	N/A	~
Place of Service	N/A	~
Add		





### Claims Search

When using **Claims Search** for professional estimates, select a patient type of **professional** from the dropdown menu. Next, enter a CPT/HCPC code or description into the search field to begin your search. The number of **hits** is the number of claims that match the specified CPT code.

C	Patient Type Professional					
	Search CPT/HCPC 4283 ×					
		(42830) (23 hits) ADENOIDECTOMY, PRIMARY; YOUNGER THAN AGE 12 (42831) (10 hits) ADENOIDECTOMY, PRIMARY; AGE 12 OR OVER				

Select a **location** (required) and choose any additional restrictions, such as **diagnosis** or **provider.** Place a checkmark in the **include modifiers/POS details** box to separate results by modifiers. Click **search**.

CLAIMS SEARCH		
Patient Type Profes	sional 🗸	
Search		
CPT/HCPC	42830	
Additional Res	trictions	
Include Modifier	s/POS Details	
Diagnosis		
Rendering Provider	All	$\checkmark$
Location *	Select One	$\checkmark$
		Search Reset





The results page will break down the claims by diagnosis and, if selected, modifiers. If a user does not know the diagnosis code, it is recommended that they choose the top result. Click on the desired result to proceed.

Showl	ng 14 entries			
#	Description	CPT/HCPC	Diagnosis	Total
3	(42830) ADENOIDECTOMY, PRIMARY; YOUNGER THAN AGE 12	42830	H6523,J352	2903.58
3	(42830) ADENOIDECTOMY, PRIMARY; YOUNGER THAN ÂGE 12	42830	J352	1161.95

The next screen will show a breakdown of all associated charge line items that are present on at least 70% of the claims searched. Users may uncheck any line items that they do not wish to have included in the estimate. If the user is unsure of which line items should be included, it is recommended that they leave all lines checked. If known, enter professional details such as modifiers, place of service, type of service, location, and physician. If unknown, leave the fields blank. Click **select** to add the service to the patient's **selected procedures** column.

Showing 2 entries       Total Charges:         Procedure: 42830       S2903.58         Diagnosis: (H6523,J352)*       \$2903.58         All of these Charge Line items came back associated with your search.       Select       Back         Review and uncheck the Charge Line item if it is not applicable to the patient.       Back								
Description	CPT/HCPC	Modifiers	Place of Service	Type of Service	Additional Info	Units	Charge	Use ✓ All
ADENOIDECTOMY, PRIMARY; YOUNGER THAN AGE 12	42830		24	Select	Select	1	1161.95	
TYMPANOSTOMY (REQUIRING INSERTION OF VENTILATING TUBE), GENERAL ANESTHESIA	69436	50	24	Select	Select	1	1741.63	





## **Combined Estimates**

**Combined Estimates** allow users to add both hospital (facility) procedures and professional services to the same estimate. Facilities utilizing PE's combined estimates functionality will have access to the same search options detailed earlier in this guide. However, when utilizing these search options for combined estimates, users will be prompted for additional information.

## Chargemaster/Template/Easy Search

Let's take a look at the example below, which uses the Chargemaster Search. Users at facilities using combined estimates will see results marked with either (P) for professional or (H) for hospital to indicate whether the specific result is a professional or a hospital charge.

Click on an item to select it.



If the result selected is classified as a professional charge, users of the **Chargemaster**, **Template**, and **Easy Search** will be prompted with the following screens when selecting an item.

Enter the diagnosis (if known), or leave the default diagnosis (Z7689) in the diagnosis field and click **ok**. Please note that the diagnosis screen may not display in all cases.

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The **professional details** prompt will display. If known, enter the professional details, such as location, physician, modifier(s), type of service, place of service, and participating/non-participating. If unknown, leave the fields blank. Click **add** to add the service to the patient's **selected procedures** column.

Professional Details		
Location	Select One	~
Physician		Par Non Par
Modifiers		
Type Of Service	N/A	~
Place of Service	N/A	~
Add		





## Claims Search

When using **Claims Search** for combined estimates, select a **patient type** from the dropdown menu, then search by CPT or ICD. Additionally, users may search by DRG for inpatients. In the example below, a search for CPT 45380 is shown with a result of 2921 **hits**. The number of hits is the number of claims that match the specified CPT code.

CLAIMS SEARCH			
Patient Type Outpati	ient 🗸		
Search CPT/HCPC	45380 × (45380) (2921 hi	ts) COLONOSCOPY, FLEXIBLE; WITH BIOPSY, SINGLE	

Choose any additional restrictions, such as diagnosis, attending provider, or location. Place a checkmark in the **include modifiers/POS details** box to separate results by modifiers. Click **search**.

CLAIMS SEARCH		
Patient Type Outpat	ient 🗸	
Search CPT/HCPC	45380	
ICD Procedure		Primary Only
Additional Res	trictions ite s/POS Details	
Note: Diagnosis cod	es with * denote ICD-10	
Diagnosis		Primary Only
Attending Provider	All	$\checkmark$
Location	All	$\checkmark$
		Search Reset





The search results will display. Click on the relevant procedure grouping in the search results based on diagnosis and/or revenue code. If this information is unknown, it is recommended that users pick the top result.

Cla	Claim Search Results						
Showli	ng 50 entries						
#	Description	CPT/HCPC	Rev Code	Diagnosis	Total		
666	(45380) COLONOSCOPY, FLEXIBLE; WITH BIOPSY, SINGLE OR MULTIPLE	45380	750	Z1211	2491.43		
122	(45380) COLONOSCOPY, FLEXIBLE; WITH BIOPSY, SINGLE OR MULTIPLE	45380	750	D122	5072.18		

A breakdown of all associated *hospital (facility)* charge line items that are present on at least 70% of the claims searched will be displayed. Users may uncheck any line items that they do not wish to have included in the estimate. If the user is unsure of which line items should be included, it is recommended that they leave all lines checked.

To view professional charges, click **professional search** to view all professional charges associated with the facility charge.

Claim Search Results									
Showing 4 entries									
Diagnosis: (Z1211)*	Diagnosis: (Z1211)* Total Charges:								
All of these Charge Line items came back associated with your search. Review and uncheck the Charge Line item if it is not applicable to the patient.									
Description	CPT/HCPC	Modifiers	Rev Code	Units	Charge	Use			
LEVEL IV - SURGICAL PATHOLOGY, GROSS AND MICROSCOPIC EXAMINATION ABORTION - SPONTANEOUS/MISSED ARTERY, BIOPSY BONE MARROW, BIOPSY BONE EXOSTOSIS BRAIN/MENINGES, OTHER THAN FOR TUMOR RESECTION BREAST, BIOPSY, NOT REQUIRING MICROSCOPIC EVALUATION OF SURGICA	88305		310	1	196.00	Y			
INJECTION, MIDAZOLAM HYDROCHLORIDE, PER 1 MG	J2250		636	6	43.44				
INJECTION, FENTANYL CITRATE, 0.1 MG	J3010		636	1	11.49				
COLONOSCOPY, FLEXIBLE; WITH BIOPSY, SINGLE OR MULTIPLE	45380		750	1	2240.50				
	Prof	essional Search							





Select a location (required). Use the checkboxes on the right to select or deselect any professional charges that should or should not be reflected in the estimate. If known, enter professional details such as modifiers, place of service, type of service, specialty, and units. If unknown, leave the fields blank.

Location * Select One		<b>∽</b> \ <sub>\$</sub>						
Showing 18 entries Professional Total Charges: \$12370.81								
Description	CPT/HCPC	Modifiers	Place of Service	Type of Service	Specialty	Units	Charge	
ANESTHESIA FOR UPPER GASTROINTESTINAL ENDOSCOPIC PROCEDURES, ENDOSCOPE INTRODUCED PROXIMAL TO DUODENUM	00740	P2:QS::	22	Select	Select	77	990.22	
ANESTHESIA FOR LOWER INTESTINAL ENDOSCOPIC PROCEDURES, ENDOSCOPE INTRODUCED DISTAL TO DUODENUM	00810	QX:QS::	22	Select	Select	66	452.10	

Click **select** to add the service to the patient's **selected procedures** column.

Showing 4 entries Diagnosis: (71211)*	Total Cha	raes:
All of these Charge Line items came back associated with your search. Review and uncheck the Charge Line item if it is not applicable to the patient.	Select	Back





## Estimate Lookup

At times, it may be necessary to reference an estimate that was previously run for a patient. For example, a patient may call with a follow-up question about an estimate that they received the other day. To look up a previously run estimate, users may search for the patient in the eCN work queue or use the **PE Lookup** link in OneSource.

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w	Welcome Heather Kalapodis (Experian Health). Your User ID is 725246 🥕								
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	Patien	t Access Products	^						
	★ <u>eCare I</u> ★ Work C ★ Covera	<ul> <li><u>eCare Next</u></li> <li>Work Center</li> <li>Coverage Discovery</li> <li>eCare Online Products</li> <li>PE Lookup</li> <li>PE Standalone</li> <li>Messages</li> </ul>			Favorites				
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	★ Archived Messages No current messages				<ul> <li>★ Aetna Bette</li> <li>★ Aetna Bette</li> <li>★ Aetna Bette</li> </ul>	r Health (MO) r Health (NJ) r Health (VA)			





Enter the patient's search criteria and click **search**. Please note that it is not necessary to complete all fields. Users may search using any combination of available search criteria.

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Patient Payment Estimator Lookup							
Reference Number							
Patient Last Name							
Patient First Name							
DOB							
Patient Account Number							
Patient SSN							
Generated From Date	02/19/2	2017					
Generated To Date	03/21/2	2017	_				
		Search					





## Troubleshooting

Sometimes, an estimate result may not turn out the way you had expected. In this section, we will take a look at two issues that users may encounter when running estimates: Estimates with **missing benefits** and **changing coverage**.

## **Missing Benefits**

From time to time, a particular benefit may be listed on the estimate as a question mark. This indicates that no data was available on the coverage response for that particular benefit. This is considered normal, as not every payer returns every benefit for each service category, and should not in itself be cause for concern. If you have any questions about the benefits that appear in this section, you can consult the coverage chevron.

In the example below, there is a question mark listed in the co-pay field in the image on the left. A review of this patient's eligibility response on the coverage chevron *(right)* shows that this patient is subject to a 15% co-insurance for this service type, but there is no mention of a copay. One can reasonably infer from this eligibility response that the service is subject to co-insurance, but not a copay. Some payers may specifically list the copay as \$0, but others choose to not mention it, as we see here. However, PE still has enough information to generate a robust estimate in this example.







In some cases, the coverage response may lack information that is critical to the creation of an accurate estimate. This occurs when the payer does not provide detailed benefit information in their response. The affected benefit box(es) may be shaded red to help users identify crucial missing information, as shown below. In these scenarios, a phone call to the payer may be required to verify the patient's specific benefits. After obtaining the necessary benefit information from the payer, manually enter the values and click recalculate to generate an estimate.







### Change Coverage

By default, PE utilizes benefit information from the first tab listed on the coverage chevron. However, there may be scenarios when it is necessary to use information from one of the other tabs. For instance, let's say that initially, Mr. Smith provided an Aetna insurance card, but upon running eligibility, we discovered that his coverage with Aetna was no longer valid. After further conversation with the patient, we find out that he has recently switched to Cigna. We run an eligibility check and find that he does has active coverage through Cigna. PE can be directed to utilize the Cigna information in the second tab on the coverage chevron (rather than the inactive Aetna information) by selecting the plan from the **coverages dropdown**.

In the example below, no response was received from United Healthcare, and the transaction was terminated.



However, active coverage was later found and is available under the second tab.

UHC Med AdvantagePPO (1860)	Passport Found UHC (UHC)
	Eligible





To direct PE to look at the benefits under this second tab, we will use the coverages dropdown to select the desired eligibility response. This dropdown will appear at the top of the estimate once the procedures have been selected. After making a new coverage selection, click **resubmit** to allow the estimate to recalculate.

Please note that this dropdown is permissions-based and may not be enabled at all facilities.



## Customer Support

For additional inquiries, please contact Experian Health Customer Support by creating a case in the **Customer Support Portal**, or by e-mail or phone. Customer Support is available 24/7.

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