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With market and government forces pushing for price transparency, it's imperative that outpatient packaged services are consistently compared across providers. Comparing prices at the line-item level is relatively straight forward. However, how do you accurately compare prices across packaged outpatient surgeries?

The solution is our patent-pending Resource Intensity Consumption Score (RICS®).

With RICS®, all outpatient surgeries are normalized according to the underlying ancillary services that accompany the primary surgery. A RICS® Index is 100% reflective of resource consumption and does not factor the hospital's prices.

Hospital Pricing Specialists LLC has developed a proprietary RICS® value for over 14,000 combinations of CPT®, HCPCS and Revenue Codes, factoring inputs such as RVUs, APC weights, and costs.

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Key Benefits of RICS®

Software as a Service (SaaS) – Client sends claims through our HIPAA-secure connection and receives processed data with a RICS® Index assigned to each outpatient surgery

Stratify providers according to resource consumption behaviors

Accurately compare packaged outpatient surgery costs, adjusting for case mix differences, across distinct provider type (e.g., teaching hospitals vs. local community hospitals)

Assist in negotiating managed care contracts by showing outpatient case mix differences compared to local market hospitals

Example RICS® Indices



Commonly performs an endoscopic biopsy with a colonoscopy.

RICS® Index = 1.22



Seldomly performs an endoscopic biopsy with a colonoscopy.

RICS® Index = 0.87

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