

	CDI	Provider B	Provider C	Notes
<b>1   EXAM INFORMATION</b>				
Exam Name				Be sure to note if your exam is <i>with</i> , <i>without</i> , or <i>with and without</i> contrast as this effects cost.
CPT Code				Current Procedural Terminology (CPT®) is a listing of codes with descriptive terms for medical services and procedures that provide a uniform language to make communication more reliable among physicians, patients and insurance companies.
<b>2   COST INFORMATION</b>				
Global Fee				CDI charges patients a single (global) fee for their exam. Hospitals usually break out their professional and technical fees.
Professional Fee				The professional fee, sometimes called the physician fee, is the cost of the person reviewing the images and writing the report.
Technical Fee				The technical fee, sometimes called the facility fee, includes the cost of the scanner, technologist and overall care during the exam.
<b>3   QUALITY MEASURES</b>				
Subspecialized Radiologists				The radiologist is an M.D. who reviews the images and writes the diagnostic report. Being subspecialized indicates he or she has advanced fellowship-training and is specialized in a specific area. Knowing a Brain MRI is reviewed by a neuroradiologist who focuses in this area is important.
On-site Radiologists				A physician should be on-site to ensure safety if medicine is needed during an exam as well as provide consultations for physicians considering imaging for patients.
Certified Technologists				The technologist is the person running the scanner and is critical in optimizing the technology for clear images as well as ensuring you are comfortable and informed. The American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (a national accreditation body) certifies technologists on the equipment they operate.
ACR Accreditation				The American College of Radiology (acr.org) is a national accreditation body ensuring quality in medical imaging.
Report Turnaround Time				Your doctor should receive your imaging results within 24 hours of your exam or sooner. Fast results lead to faster treatment planning.
High-field MRI				Imaging technology isn't equal. For MRI, high-field (1.2 Tesla and greater) means the scanner can capture higher quality images to aide in a more accurate diagnosis. If the image quality is poor, repeat scans may be needed, costing time and money.
<b>4   CONVENIENCE</b>				
Convenient Location				Consider getting to and from your appointment, parking and getting to the imaging department. An outpatient center may offer a better experience.
Convenient Times				You should be able to get an appointment quickly (same-day and next-day are often available) at a convenient time. Outpatient settings tend to run true-to-schedule without working in ER patients.
Flexible Payment Option				If your insurance doesn't cover your exam, you may want to understand payment options before your appointment.