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Patient Cost Estimator is Replacing CareCalc in Availity Portal

Patient Cost Estimator is replacing our current cost estimator, *CareCalc*, in Availity^{®1}, effective February, 16, 2019. This new application offers a better online experience and a more streamlined workflow to see and read cost estimates. Here are a few key differences you can expect:

- As you input procedure codes, Patient Cost Estimator will automatically search for and validate the code. Simply select the code you need from a drop-down list. After receiving results, you can easily edit your search without submitting a new query.
- If you don't know the procedure code, you can also search by description, and the application will find the code for you.
- Pre-populated drop-down lists for Primary Diagnosis Codes and Place of Service will prevent invalid entries.
- Like CareCalc, Patient Cost Estimator will allow you to submit a quick claim for real-time adjudication to Florida Blue from the results page.

In collaboration with Availity, we are committed to providing a seamless transition to the new tool. Our goal is to take what works well from CareCalc and improve upon it for an overall enhanced and more intuitive experience.

Training materials will be available later this month. For more information, please call the Provider Contact Center at 800-727-2227.

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