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## Implementation Date Postponed Patient Cost Estimator Replaces CareCalc in Availity

Because it is important you have a seamless transition from CareCalc to the new patient cost estimator in Availity<sup>®1</sup>, we have postponed the effective date of the new patient cost estimator tool. **Important: Until further notice, please continue using our current tool, CareCalc.**

### How the New Patient Cost Estimator Will Benefit You

Once the new tool is implemented, it will offer you 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, the 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, the 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 prior to the transition. We'll let you know when the new patient cost estimator tool is ready to use.

<sup>1</sup>Availity, LLC is a multi-payer joint venture company. For more information or to register, visit Availity's website at [availity.com](http://availity.com).