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How to Reduce Your Hospital Bills

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As more people get high-deductible health insurance plans in conjunction with a health savings

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The medical industry, unlike virtually every other business, loves to keep their prices secret

A dramatic example is the price hospitals charge of open heart surgery. The Valley Hospital M

Hospital Overcharges

Anyone who has ever tried to decipher a hospital bill knows that they can be next to impossibl

Hospitals have been known to charge \$129 for a "mucus recovery system" that was really a \$2 bo

Nora Johnson, a medical billing advocate, was quoted in a recent article saying that over 90%

Hospitals often go to extraordinary lengths to discourage you from delving too much into your

- If possible, call the hospital's billing department ahead of time and ask them what you will

- Ask your doctor to estimate your cost of treatment.

- Bring your own prescription medications to avoid paying top price for medications purchased

- If possible, keep your own lists of tests, medications, and treatments. Hospitals have been

- Never pay the bill before leaving the hospital. You may be told this is required, but it is

- Demand an itemized bill, and ask for a detailed explanation for any items you don't understa

Health Savings Accounts Promote Price Transparency

Health Savings Accounts (HSAs) are plans that have a high deductible, and a savings account in

The great promise of health savings accounts is that they will re-inject market competition in

Unfortunately, this system has not been in play when it comes to healthcare, because the consu

Health Savings Accounts are now changing all that. Millions of people have purchased these pl

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