



## Comparing Commercial and Medicare Professional Service Prices

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#### Fields

- **geo\_level:** geographic level at which the value is reported
- **cbsa:** Core Based Statistical Area (CBSA) code; a CBSA is a U.S. geographic region determined by the Office of Management and Budget
- **cbsa\_title:** name(s) of the main urban area(s) in each CBSA
- **state:** state in which the CBSA is located
- **specialty:** categorization of the service provider
  - All: services provided by any type of provider
  - Primary Care: indicates service provided by primary care provider
  - Non-Primary Care: indicates service provided by non-primary care provider
- **avg\_price\_esi:** average price in the Employee Sponsored Insurance population
- **avg\_price\_pfs:** average price in the Medicare Fee-for-Service population as indicated by the 2017 Medicare physician fee schedule
- **avg\_price\_ffs:** average price in the Medicare Fee-for-Service population as indicated by Part A and Part B Medicare paid claims
- **price\_ratio\_esi\_pfs:** ratio of the Employee Sponsored Insurance price to the Medicare physician fee schedule price
- **price\_ratio\_esi\_ffs:** ratio of the Employee Sponsored Insurance price to the Medicare Fee-for-Service price
- **esi\_patient\_count:** count of unique patients in our sample
- **esi\_member\_years:** number of member months divided by 12
- **esi\_provider\_count:** count of unique providers of services in our sample
- **esi\_total\_claims:** count of claims in our sample