

# Save Money. Earn Cash. SHOP for Medical Care



Prices for the exact same quality medical services can vary from hundreds to thousands of dollars. Introducing SmartShopper, the shopping and savings program for your medical care. As an Anthem member, you have access to SmartShopper, which saves you money on your share of the cost when you need a medical procedure or screening. SmartShopper also earns you a cash reward\*, just for choosing to have the procedure at a high-quality location that saves you money.



## TO REGISTER

Call **1-844-328-1579** to talk to a SmartShopper Personal Assistant or visit **VitalsSmartShopper.com**.



## STEP 1: SHOP

When your doctor recommends a medical test, service or procedure, call the Personal Assistant Team or visit SmartShopper online to search for a reasonably priced location in your area.



## STEP 2: GO

Have the procedure at one of the locations on the SmartShopper list.



## STEP 3: EARN

Four to six weeks after the procedure, SmartShopper mails a check\* to your home. No forms. No hassles. It's that easy.

Visit us anytime at **VitalsSmartShopper.com**

### Sample Procedures and Rewards When You Use SmartShopper Listed Locations

Procedure	Your Reward
Bunionectomy	up to \$150
Colonoscopy	up to \$250
Ear, Nose and Throat	up to \$150
Gall Bladder Removal	up to \$250
Hernia Repair	up to \$250
Hip Replacement	up to \$500
Knee Replacement	up to \$500
Knee Surgery (Arthroscopic)	up to \$250
Mammogram	up to \$50
Shoulder Surgery (Arthroscopic)	up to \$250
Ultrasounds (Non-Maternity)	up to \$50
Upper GI Examination (Endoscopy)	up to \$150
X-Ray	up to \$25

Visit us anytime at [VitalsSmartShopper.com](https://www.vitalsmartshopper.com) or call **1-844-328-1579**  
Monday through Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. or Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

# Most frequently asked questions about SmartShopper

## 1. What is SmartShopper?

SmartShopper is a program that helps you be a savvy medical consumer by reminding you that you have choices when it comes to your health care. If your doctor recommends a particular medical service, SmartShopper can tell you how much that test or procedure costs at different in-network facilities in your area. If you choose a cost-effective option, you can qualify for a cash reward. SmartShopper does not offer medical advice and is not a substitute for medical care from your doctor, but it can help you optimize your health care by making you aware of your options.

## 2. How do I know if I am eligible to participate in SmartShopper?

Members enrolled in an Anthem Small Group plan in Connecticut may be eligible to participate in the SmartShopper program. To find out if SmartShopper is included in your plan, contact Anthem Customer Service at the phone number on your ID card. Please note, the SmartShopper program is not available to members currently enrolled in an Anthem Balanced Funding plan.

## 3. Will I have to change my doctor to use SmartShopper or will my medical benefits change?

No. SmartShopper will not affect your relationship with your doctor or your medical benefits. As always, if you have questions about your benefits, please contact Anthem Customer Service at the phone number on your ID Card.

## 4. Do I need to spend any money to participate in SmartShopper?

No. If your plan has SmartShopper, it is provided as part of your plan with no additional cost to you.

## 5. How can I qualify for a reward?

Qualifying for a reward is simple and fast. If your doctor recommends a particular medical procedure, service or test, contact SmartShopper either by telephone 1-844-328-1579 or by clicking the SmartShopper button on your secure health care login at [VitalsSmartShopper.com](https://www.vitalsmartshopper.com) before receiving the medical service. When you call and shop with the Personal Assistant Team, you get the benefit of a friendly and professional personal assistant who can answer questions, make changes, set appointments and support you every step of the way. If you go online, you can view a list of eligible medical tests and procedures and the cost-effective options in your area. In either case, if you choose one of the options identified by SmartShopper, you can qualify for a reward.

## 6. What medical services qualify for a reward?

As a qualified Anthem member, you can receive rewards through SmartShopper by choosing cost-effective options for common screening exams (colonoscopy, mammogram), diagnostic tests (PET scans, ultrasounds), certain surgical procedures (including carpal tunnel surgery, gall bladder surgery, hernia repair surgery, knee or shoulder surgery) and more. For a complete list of covered medical services, log in to [VitalsSmartShopper.com](https://www.vitalsmartshopper.com). The program includes a core set of services, but may grow over time to cover more. (Programs are subject to change at any time.)

## 7. How much money can I receive as a reward?

SmartShopper offers up to three levels of incentives based on the location and the procedure or service. You always have the option to qualify for the highest reward, and where possible, a second incentive location option is provided. Rewards range from \$25 up to \$500.

## 8. How will I receive my reward?

If you qualify for a reward, a check will be mailed to you within 45 to 60 days of claim payment. If 60 days pass and you have not received your check, please call SmartShopper at 1-844-328-1579.

## 9. Can my covered family members use SmartShopper themselves or do I have to shop for them?

As the enrollee, you can shop for medical services for yourself and your covered dependents under age 18. Dependents age 18 and older need to shop for their own services in order to receive a reward.

## 10. Who can I contact if I have questions about the status of my reward check or about the SmartShopper website?

For questions related to your rewards, you can call SmartShopper at 1-844-328-1579, or email your questions to [SmartShopperSupport@vitals.com](mailto:SmartShopperSupport@vitals.com).

## 11. Am I obligated to use the most cost-effective location after shopping with SmartShopper?

No. SmartShopper is completely voluntary. You can elect to have your procedure or services at any in-network location with no impact to your covered benefits. Incentive reward eligibility requires that you choose a location option suggested by SmartShopper.

## 12. What if my doctor already scheduled me to go to a location not on the SmartShopper list of options?

Call SmartShopper 1-844-328-1579 and a member of the Personal Assistant Team can determine if the service qualifies for a reward. If not, you may need to reschedule your appointment to qualify for a reward, and possibly obtain a second service request document from your doctor.

## 13. What if the location I usually go to is already the most cost-effective option?

If you are already scheduled at a cost-effective location on the SmartShopper list, you still qualify for a reward simply for making the phone call or going online and exploring your options. You must shop to receive the reward.

## 14. Do I have to pay taxes on the cash rewards I receive?

All cash rewards are considered taxable by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). If you receive accumulated cash rewards of \$600 or greater in one year, SmartShopper will send you a 1099 tax form to file with the IRS.

## 15. How do I know the cost-effective options suggested by SmartShopper are also high quality options?

All health centers on your SmartShopper list are part of the Anthem network and have met Anthem's strict quality standards. The locations are well-known and fully licensed to provide services. Consult your doctor, or log in to [www.anthem.com](https://www.anthem.com) for more information regarding quality.

## 16. Will my employer have access to my personal health information if I use SmartShopper?

No. SmartShopper does not share personal information about you or your dependents with your employer or anyone else. It is completely confidential. SmartShopper may send your employer aggregate data (such as how many people from your company used the program in a given year), but your personal, identifiable information will not be shared.

## 17. Can I access SmartShopper from my smart phone?

Yes. SmartShopper is a fully mobile platform. You can use it with any mobile device.

## 18. Can I shop for more than one service at a time?

Yes. If your doctor has referred you for more than one type of service (for example, an ultrasound followed by a gallbladder procedure), you can shop for all services at the same time, or opt to shop for each individually. The choice is yours.

## 19. Can I receive a reward regardless of when I shop?

In order to receive a reward from SmartShopper, you need to shop before you receive your medical services or test. You can shop as late as the same day of the services or tests as long as you shop before them. If you choose a cost-effective option, you should be eligible for a reward.



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