

Using Price Transparency Data to Identify Healthcare Savings Opportunities

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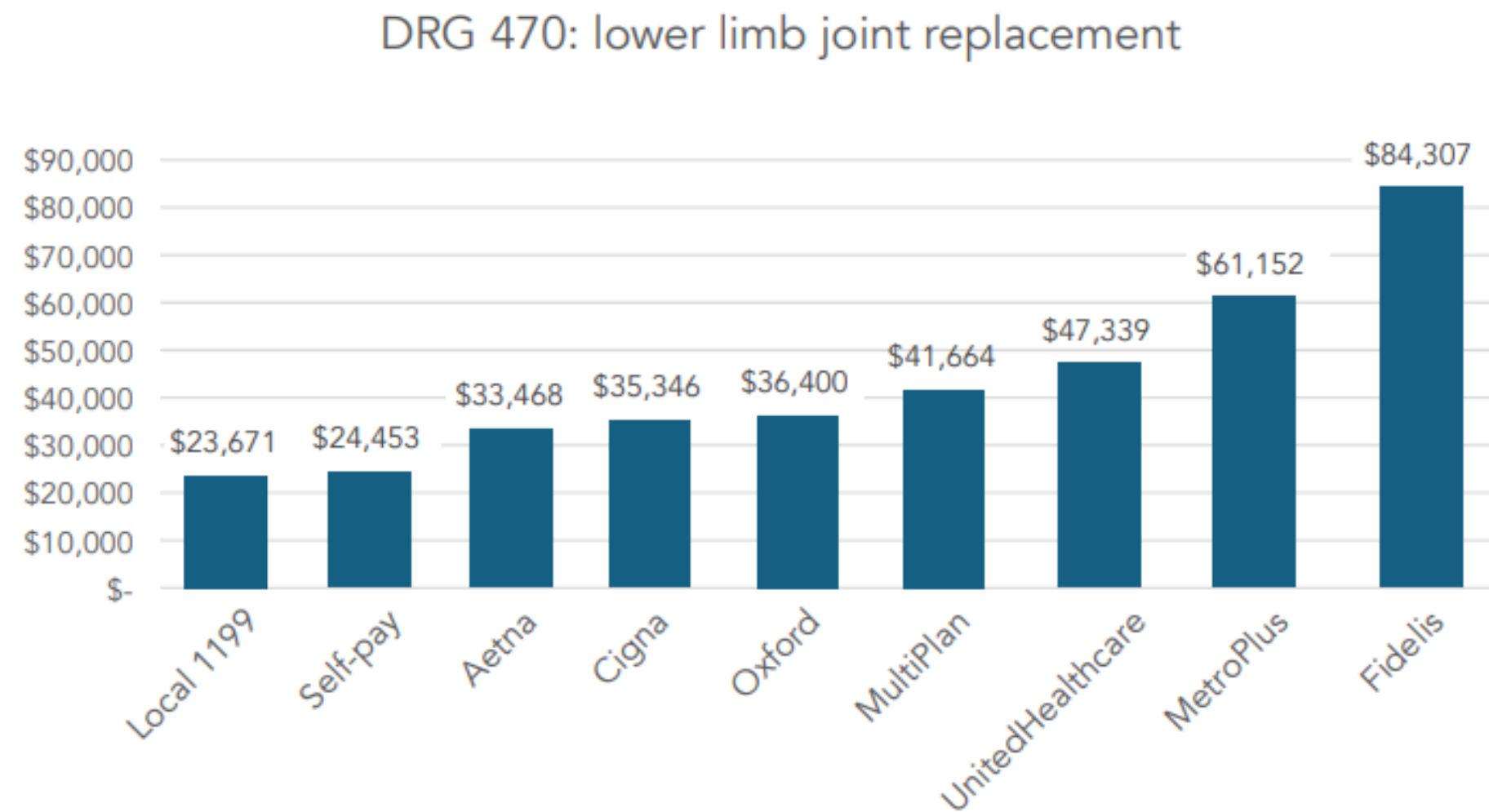
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Using Price Transparency to lower healthcare costs

- Healthcare prices are high, vary widely, and are a major driver of high spending.
- Price Transparency datasets allow for a comprehensive examination of healthcare prices and markets and identify opportunities for savings.
- Transparency in Coverage (TiC) data shows that insurers negotiate a wide range of rates with providers for the same service.
- Spending can be reduced by designing cost efficient networks and directing patients to lower cost providers without compromising quality of care.

Variation in commercial rates for lower limb joint replacement at Metropolitan Hospital Center

FIGURE 1. Commercial Rates for DRG 470 at Metropolitan Hospital Center

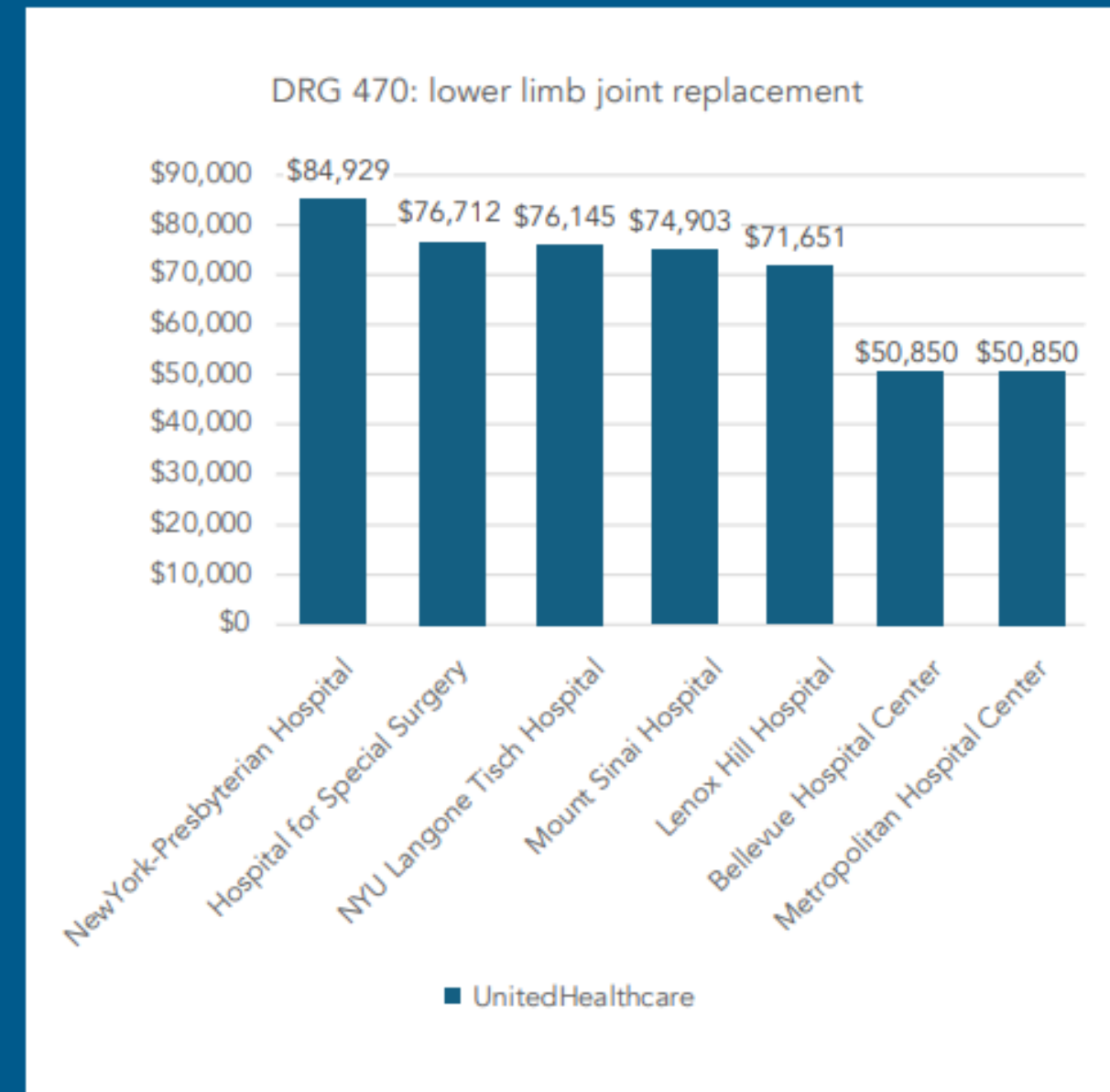


DRG, diagnosis related group.

Source: Data from Hospital Transparency File: 2025-Q2.

Commercial rates for lower limb joint replacement in New York, New York

FIGURE 2. Commercial Rates for DRG 470 in New York, New York

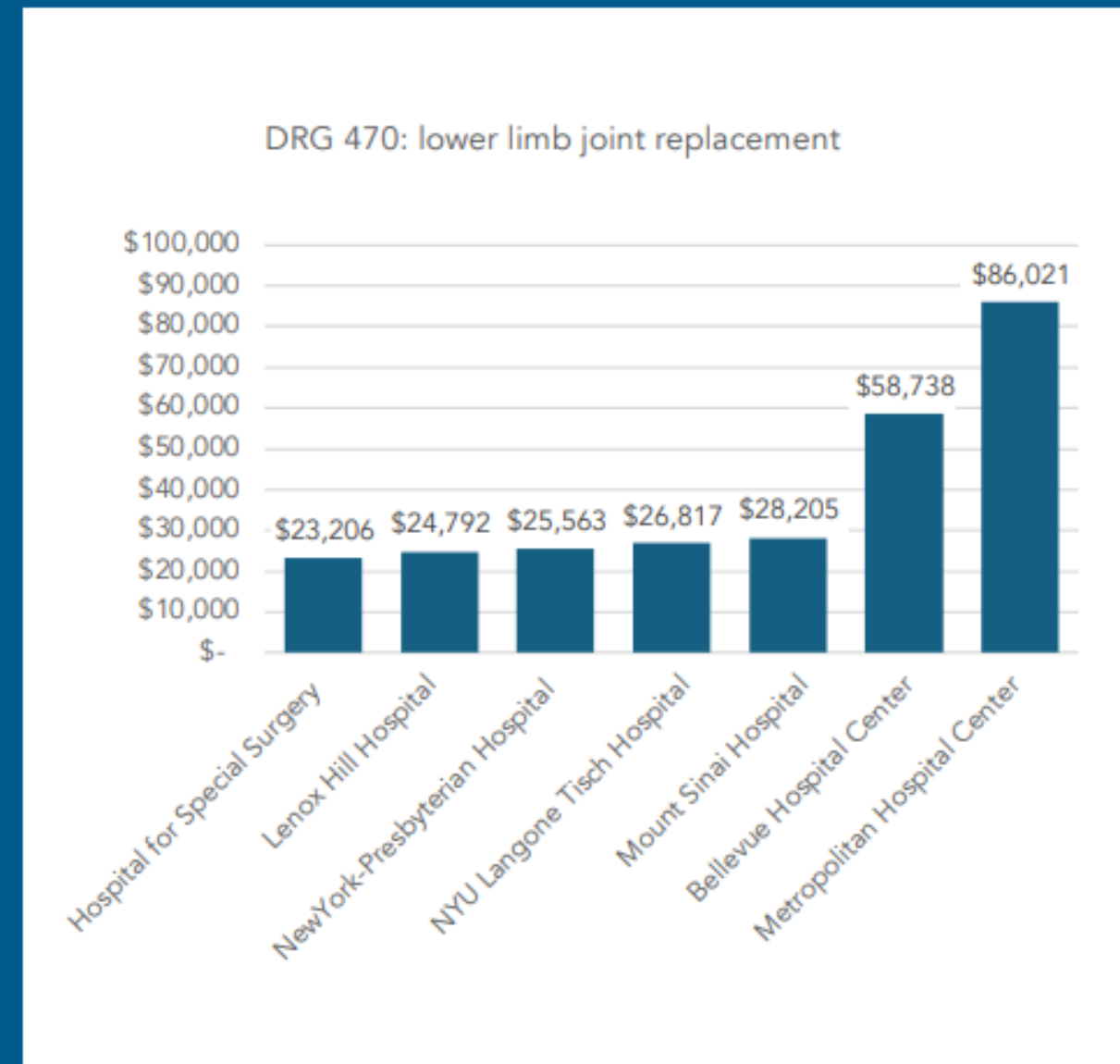


DRG, diagnosis related group.

Source: Data from Payer Transparency in Coverage File: 2025-Q4.

Medicare payment rates for lower limb joint replacement at hospitals in New York, New York

FIGURE 3. Medicare Payment Rates for DRG 470 at New York, New York, Hospitals



DRG, diagnosis related group.

Source: Calculated based on Medicare prices for 2026-Q1.

Resources for additional insights

- More details can be found in our publication: [From Transparency to Action: Turning Price Data Into Lower Costs](https://www.ajmc.com/view/from-transparency-to-action-turning-price-data-into-lower-costs) (<https://www.ajmc.com/view/from-transparency-to-action-turning-price-data-into-lower-costs>)
- For a state-by-state analysis of price transparency data, please see: <https://simplehc.com/resources/state-opportunities>

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