

# Study examines if out-of-network doctors are worth the cost

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A Yale team of researchers has looked at the cost of seeking out-of-network medical care, and whether private insurance companies are transparent about the cost.

They sought to determine the proportion of privately insured adults using out-of-network physicians, the prevalence of involuntary out-of-network visits due to [medical emergencies](#), and whether patients experienced problems with cost transparency. They found notable problems with cost transparency among insurance companies and regulatory agencies, and

urged stronger measures to protect consumers from having to pay high, unanticipated charges.

The study appears online in the *Health Services Research* journal.

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