

University of Alaska
Reduction in Claim Costs from Medical Travel Benefit
Approved Travel Episodes (1/2013 - 6/2015)^a

Table 1. Projected Savings

No	Services	Services, Location and Actual Allowed			If no Travel to Lower 48				Savings of Lowest AK
		Facility	Allowed	Travel Exp.	Hometown	Facility	Est. Allowed	Savings	
1	Hip joint replacement <i>Member had complications. Post surgery stay at nursing care facility near St. Vincent.</i>	St Vincent (Los Angeles)	46,751	0	Anchorage	Prov Anc	49,205	2,455	2,455
2	Hip joint replacement	Swedish Health Services	42,821	2,429	Fairbanks	Fairbanks Mem.	93,380	48,130	48,130
3	Hip joint replacement	Swedish Health Services	41,990	2,583	Fairbanks	Fairbanks Mem.	93,380	48,807	48,807
4	Hip joint replacement	Swedish Health Services	42,742	4,086	Fairbanks	Fairbanks Mem.	93,380	46,551	46,551
5	Hip arthro w/femoroplasty	Proliance Surgeons Inc PS	5,210	1,697	Fairbanks	Fairbanks Mem.	24,903	17,996	11,753
						Prov Anc	18,660	11,753	
						Mat-Su Regional	23,064	16,157	
						Alaska Regional	26,147	19,240	
6	Knee Replacement	Oregon Health Science Univ.	33,651	0	Fairbanks	Fairbanks Mem.	81,130	47,479	47,479
7	Prostatectomy	John Hopkins, Maryland	21,255	4,721	Anchorage	Prov Anc	40,697	14,721	14,721
						Mat-Su Regional	43,180	17,204	
						Alaska Regional	66,305	40,329	
8	Knee Replacement <i>Member currently living in Orlando, but was resident of Anchorage when knee replacement took place.</i>	Mayo Clinic, Florida	31,546	1,383	Orlando, FL	Prov Anc	46,525	13,595	13,595
						Mat-Su Regional	50,581	17,652	
						Alaska Regional	83,028	50,099	
9	Hysterectomy	VMCNC	24,712	1,222	Fairbanks	Fairbanks Mem.	28,574	2,640	2,640
10	ACL by Arthroscopy	VMCNC	26,962	1,465	Fairbanks	Fairbanks Mem.	78,600	50,173	45,865
						Prov Anc	74,292	45,865	
						Mat-Su Regional	84,244	55,817	
						Alaska Regional	90,098	61,671	
Total			317,641	19,586					281,995

a. Although there were 16 approved travel benefits, only 10 had the approved services outside of Alaska. For the remaining 6, one had a office visit at UVMC, but no surgical procedure. The other 5 did not have claims outside of Alaska.

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