

## A Sample Emergency Room Bill for a Broken Arm

Pharmacy	\$1,506.66
Medical/surgical supplies	212.60
Sterile supplies	212.95
X-ray (2 views)	895.40
Setting	2,876.00
Anesthesia	883.30
Emergency room visit	160.60
Blood test	132.30
Recovery room	1,214.40

\*Maryland hospitals must charge uniform rates, regardless of insurance status.

**\$8,094.21**

Total bill — what you owe without insurance.

» Hospitals cannot refuse to treat you because you don't have health insurance.

**\$1,755.15**

Bill after applying insurer's discounts.

» Insurance companies negotiate lower rates with health care providers in their networks.\*

**\$309.57**

Amount you would owe — with health insurance.

SOURCE: Johns Hopkins professor Gerard Anderson, director of Center for Hospital Finance and Management