

## **Hospital Price Transparency Rule Disclaimer**

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services has issued a hospital price transparency rule (the "*Rule*") requiring certain healthcare providers to disclose their pricing to patients for a number of standard provider service offerings. Cuero Regional Hospital has engaged a third party to assist in coordinating the information required by this Rule, at 45 CFR Part 180, CMS-1717-F2.

Cuero Regional Hospital's consumer shoppable tool (the "*Tool*") provides cost estimates for services listed within the Tool. The Tool uses actual prior service charges billed by Cuero Regional Hospital to provide an estimate for the same to future patients. For certain procedures, the pricing reflected in the estimate Tool is consolidated by looking at our most commonly used price to determine the amount we would specify for each description listed.

This Tool is for informational purposes only. Cuero Regional Hospital is providing this information to give patients a general idea of pricing for services. The prices on this estimate are just an estimate for a specific service. The actual price may be higher or lower than this estimate. Additional prices may be applied if more services are performed. Estimates may vary due to your specific insurance benefits and contracted rates. Cuero Regional Hospital makes no guarantees regarding the information provided on this website and no guarantees as to the final bill.

Please note that estimates, either from our financial counselor staff or obtained online through Tool, do not include any services related to complications that may occur during the procedure/service since those cannot be anticipated.

Also, charges for physician fees such as a surgeon, pathologist, anesthesiologist or radiologist will not be included. Their charges are billed separately by the specific provider. Due to these factors, estimates are not exact and cannot be interpreted as a bill or exact costs for services. Once the services are rendered, final billing will occur which may vary based on the orders and procedures performed.

The results of any Tool query are your property and not subject to retention by Cuero Regional Hospital. Except as related to your ownership of results from Tool queries initiated by you, and that the Tool is designed for compliance with the Rule, Cuero Regional Hospital and any third party make no warranties regarding the Tool results.

Cuero Regional Hospital will be not be liable for any damages whatsoever arising out of or related to any claim regarding (i) the Tool, (ii) the results of any Tool query, or (iii) any other claim related to a service price estimate whether based on contract, tort, negligence, strict liability or otherwise. The use and results of the Tool do not constitute a contract or guarantee of services.

If there are questions regarding the result of any Tool query, you agree to discuss it with Cuero Regional Hospital financial counselors prior to receiving any service. Cuero Regional Hospital financial counselors can be reached at (361) 275-0520 during business hours Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. or email our financial counselor at <u>hwatson@cuerohospital.org</u>.