

## Southcoast Health Care Charges

### What is a hospital chargemaster?

A hospital chargemaster is a comprehensive list of all the billable services and items provided by a hospital. The chargemaster lists the charges of each procedure, service, supply, prescription drug, and diagnostic test provided at the hospital. Our hospitals operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week, a chargemaster can contain thousands of services and related charges.

Chargemaster amounts are almost never billed to a patient or received as payment by a hospital. The chargemaster amounts are billed to an insurance company, Medicare, or MassHealth. These payers then apply their reimbursement terms or contracted rates to the services that are billed. If a patient co-payment, co-insurance, or deductible is owed, these too are most often not based on chargemaster amounts but rather the payment terms determined by the insurer or government program.

With the Care Charges\* lists below, you will be able to find the Southcoast Health charge for a specific service. You can also contact our customer service team at 508-973-1212 or 844-500-1212 (toll free) to ask questions about billing.

[Charlton Memorial Hospital Standard Charges](#)

[St. Luke's Hospital Standard Charges](#)

[Tobey Hospital Standard Charges](#)

*\*With regards to hospital billing, the word “charge” is used to identify the comprehensive price a hospital charges for its services. A hospital’s “chargemaster” provides a full list of all billable services and items provided by the hospital, and details the charges for each procedure, service, supply, prescription drug and diagnostic test provided at a hospital-licensed facility.*

Your health plan can also help you to understand your insurance coverage, which charges will be covered, how much you will be billed, information on deductibles and your expected out-of-pocket responsibility.