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**Woman Shocked by $38,000 Outpatient Fee**

Teresa Anderson calls it a rip-off. She went to the hospital for an outpatient eye procedure. She was in and out in three hours. When she had considered paying for it without insurance, the surgeon’s staff had quoted her $3,500 for the surgery, the facility fee and anesthesia.

Then the bills arrived. The surgeon, anesthesiologist and X-ray totaled just $2,250. But the hospital’s facility fee was a whopping $38,526. Anderson, who used to work for an insurer, says this is why health care costs are so high. She said she wasn’t sure what surprised her more, the hospital’s charges or the fact that the insurer agreed to pay them.