

PLANNED ORTHOPEDIC PROCEDURES INCLUDING KNEE AND HIP REPLACEMENT SURGERIES ARE ON THE RISE IN THE U.S.

**2017 spending on
planned orthopedic procedures**

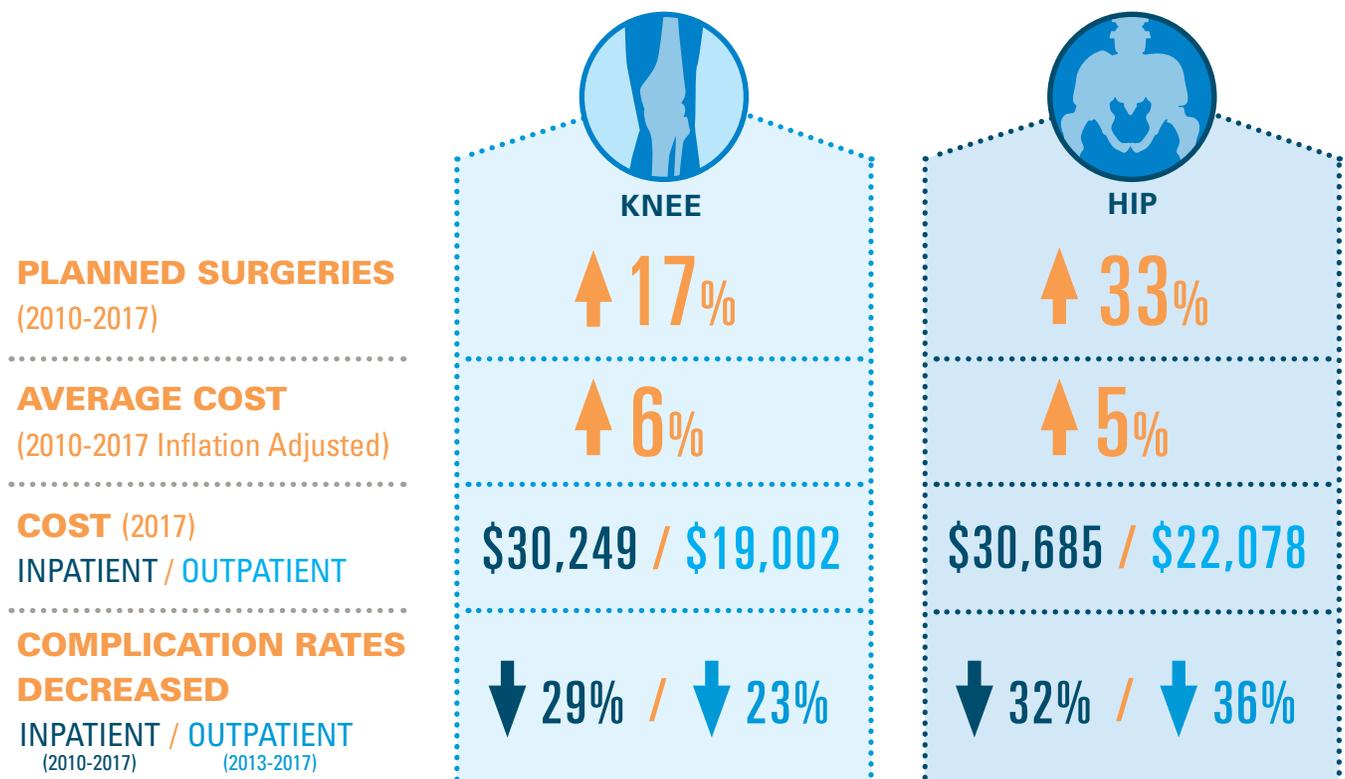
\$25 B



242,000

adult BCBS members under the age of 65 had a planned knee or hip replacement in 2017.*

**Quality is improving
but cost is on the rise.**



To read the full report on planned knee and hip replacement surgeries, [click here](#).

EMPOWER YOURSELF AND YOUR FAMILY



Use your health plan's doctor and hospital finder tool. If you live in an area with high cost variation for knee and hip replacement surgeries, compare doctors and facilities in your network to uncover potential cost savings or a Blue Distinction® Center+ near you.



Know the difference between inpatient and outpatient care. If outpatient care is right for you, there are significant cost savings with outpatient surgeries without sacrificing quality. Inpatient care requires overnight hospitalization. For outpatient care, patients are typically able to leave once the procedure is over.



Follow your doctor's advice. While it's important to ask questions and do additional research, work with your doctor to select a site of care that best meets your needs.

*Information above found within the BCBS study examines U.S. commercially insured members who had a procedure planned in advance rather than a procedure performed in an emergency situation.