



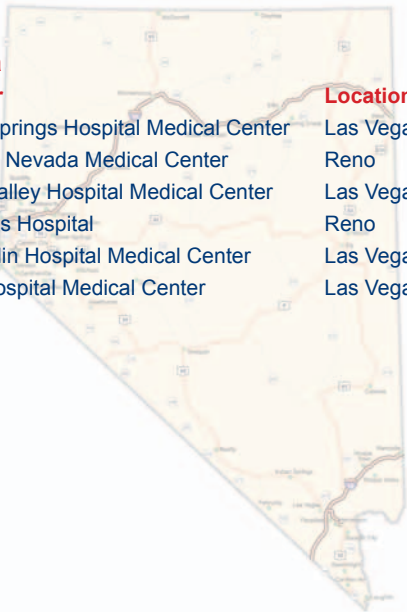
# NEVADA

Hygeia has made several improvements to our Standard PPO Network product that will help payers further reduce healthcare costs in Nevada. Effective April 1, 2006, we have improved our rates with several facilities and offer the top tier of discounts that these hospitals offer to any payer.

This improvement represents an average 5%-25% increase in savings for our payer clients.

**Nevada  
Provider**

Provider	Location
Desert Springs Hospital Medical Center	Las Vegas
Northern Nevada Medical Center	Reno
Spring Valley Hospital Medical Center	Las Vegas
St. Mary's Hospital	Reno
Summerlin Hospital Medical Center	Las Vegas
Valley Hospital Medical Center	Las Vegas



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Democrats in the Nevada State Legislature have recently proposed a series of measures aimed at lowering healthcare costs in that state. The initiatives include providing subsidies for small businesses to contribute to workers' health insurance, requiring congruent pricing for insurance companies and uninsured patients, lowering interest rates and fees on medical debt, and creating websites with detailed information on healthcare quality and costs. The proposed websites would allow consumers to view hospitals rankings based on quality and average costs of common DRGs, as well as allowing patients to compare the costs of the same medications at different pharmacies.

Source: Nevada Democrats Unveil Health Proposals, kaisernetwork.org, 3/21/06

# ARIZONA

While adding new providers is a key area of focus for Hygeia's Standard PPO Network product, we also continually work to improve our existing provider relationships. The improved rates at the following facilities represent the top tier of discounts that these hospitals offer to any payers. Effective March 1, 2006, the improvement will result in an average 5%-29% increase in savings for our payer-clients.

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Population growth in Arizona cities like Phoenix and Tucson, along with an increasing number of aging residents, and historically low interest rates, is spurring a hospital construction boom across the state. More than 14 new Arizona hospitals are planned, under construction, or have been built since 2003. Healthcare advocates are welcoming the addition of new hospital beds, as the strain on health resources has become apparent in long waits at emergency rooms and for surgical care. The new wave of hospital growth could provide consumers with improved options for healthcare as competition among providers increases.

Source: New Hospital Aboard Growth Wave, Arizona Daily Star, 1/6/05; Mesa General Set for Bigger Role, East Valley Tribune, 3/18/06

**Arizona  
Provider**

Provider	Location
Arrowhead Community Hospital	Glendale
Banner Desert Medical Center	Phoenix
Banner Good Samaritan Medical Center	Phoenix
Banner Thunderbird Medical Center	Glendale
Havasu Regional Medical Center	Lake Havasu City
Maryvale Hospital Medical Center	Phoenix
Mayo Clinic Hospital	Phoenix
Page Hospital	Page
Paradise Valley Hospital	Phoenix
Payson Regional Medical Center	Payson
Phoenix Childrens Hospital	Phoenix
Scottsdale Healthcare - Osborn	Scottsdale
Scottsdale Healthcare - Shea	Scottsdale
Tucson Heart Hospital	Tucson
Tucson Medical Center	Tucson
University Medical Center	Tucson
Western Arizona Regional Medical Center	Bullhead City

