

BUNDLED UP

Geisinger Health System's bundled-payment model

- Bundling has been incorporated into a larger packaged pricing program known as ProvenCare, which is based on the premise that healthcare delivery should incorporate evidence-based practices and encourage the patient and family members to be engaged partners in that care delivery.
- Bundled payment for cardiac procedures includes: costs of the first physician visit when surgery was deemed necessary; all hospital costs for the surgery and related care for 90 days after surgery, including cardiac rehabilitation. Geisinger takes financial responsibility for any associated complications and their treatment.
- Since 2006, complications from surgery have been reduced by 21%, sternal infections are down 25% and readmissions have fallen by 44%, according to Geisinger. And average length of hospital stay has decreased by half a day, according to the system.
- The ProvenCare model since 2006 has been expanded to hip replacement, cataract surgery, obesity surgery, prenatal care, cardiac catheterization and centrally managed, evidence-based use of high-cost biologicals.