



## Trust the Provider That the Pros Trust, While Saving Money.

Did you know that Shields MRI is the official MRI provider for the New England Patriots, New England Revolution, Boston Celtics and Boston Bruins? When the game is on the line, getting the right medical attention – fast – makes a big difference.

### Here are some reasons to go where the pros go:

- › **Lower co-pay for Shields MRI facilities\***
- › The largest network of open MRIs in New England
- › Board-certified radiologists with sub-specialty focus on MRI and PET/CT
- › Same- or next-day appointments can easily be requested through our centralized scheduling department
- › All centers are ACR-accredited, the national standard in safety and quality
- › State-of-the-art GE, Siemens and Philips technology
- › Highest ratings in customer satisfaction
- › Scan one in every four patients in Massachusetts
- › Free transportation and coordination if needed
- › Easy scheduling with live operators
- › Easy access/short walking distance to entrance
- › Wide-bore, open MRIs for patients of all sizes
- › More than 20 convenient locations

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Shields MRI pricing information comparing commercial insurance; actual savings may differ depending on usage, type of scan, location and price.

\*Please check your plan for specific co-pay information

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## Tips for Talking to Your Doctor About Price.

Talking to your doctor about your healthcare isn't always easy – especially when it comes to price. Taking an active role in your health and communicating with your doctor is critical to getting good healthcare, and that includes discussions around cost. Here are some tips on preparing for discussions with your doctor about price.

### › Get educated.

Before you go to your appointment, become familiar with your health plan. Find out about your co-pay, your deductible, and what procedures are covered.

### › Take your insurance information with you.

Bring your insurance cards and information with you to your appointment and mention any changes to your insurance since the last time you visited.

### › Let your doctor know that cost is important to you *(and so is your healthcare)*.

Chances are that your doctor isn't thinking about the cost of the procedure, so it's up to you to let your doctor know if your insurance plan does not cover his or her recommendation.

### › Discuss choices and alternatives.

Make sure you understand what your treatment involves and what it will or will not do. If your doctor suggests a treatment that you know is going to be expensive, ask if there are other treatments that might work or if less-expensive choices are available. Your doctor can work with you to develop a treatment plan that meets your needs.

### › Don't hesitate to ask about cost.

If the costs of your treatment or procedure is too high, your doctor may be able to suggest less-expensive alternatives. If your doctor does not know the cost, ask the office staff or scheduler, or shop around yourself. Visit the savings calculator on Shields.com. Then call your doctor and ask for his or her advice on the lower-cost treatment.

### › When it comes to your healthcare and costs, you always have a choice.

Shields MRI facilities can be \$600-\$2,000 less per scan when compared with non-partnering hospitals (for the same procedure). With locations throughout Massachusetts, including several in Boston, getting the highest-quality MRI is convenient and costs less.



When you choose to go to Shields MRI, the official MRI provider for the Patriots, Revolution, Celtics and Bruins, you'll get Shields signature champion service!