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VALUE IN HEALTH CARE

Definition: Low Value Care

Low Value Care: Low value health care services refer to certain treatments, diagnostic tests, and screening where the risk of harm or cost exceeds the likely benefit for patients.

Results identified in this report as “low value care” indicate either likely wasteful or wasteful services as defined by Milliman’s health waste calculator. This software tool identifies and quantifies wasteful health care spending and potentially unnecessary services to improve health care efficiency and costs.

The measures of low value services are based on clinical guidelines from physician-led initiatives such as the [Choosing Wisely campaign](#).