

Program Success Stories: Specialty Care

The SurgeryPlusCenters of Excellence model creates the opportunity to provide specialty care for highly complex cases.

Member Situation

- 14-year-old girl from rural Michigan with advanced scoliosis also impacting cardiovascular & respiratory functions.
- No fellowship trained pediatric surgeons concentrating on spine procedures were practicing in the area where her family lived.

SurgeryPlus™ Solution

- SurgeryPlus™ directed the patient to a fellowship trained, pediatric neurosurgeon, specializing in scoliosis reconstructions.
- SurgeryPlus™ physician successfully performed a reconstructive surgery for a 7-level spine fusion.
- Patient has since returned to full activity levels with no complications.

Financial Impact

\$352K

- Under the SurgeryPlus™ network, the total cost of the procedure, including traveling to the site of care was ~\$98,000.
- Estimated costs through the Carrier for that same procedure performed by the original surgeon was ~\$450,000.