

Fourth Edition

Healthcare

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Key Decision Summary

- **Edition Fit:** ISBN 9781640553071 matches the fourth edition of *Healthcare Operations Management*.
- **Cheapest Route:** The 120-day rental is the lowest clean short-term option.
- **Best Ownership Value:** The current hardcover listing is still below the sampled new-print comparator and well below the eTextbook price.
- **Reuse Logic:** Ownership makes the most sense if process improvement, throughput, staffing, quality, or systems work will continue after the course.
- **Price Snapshot Date:** April 15, 2026

If you only need the buying answer

If you only need the book for one term, the 120-day rental at **\$42.99** is the cheapest route. If you expect to keep using operations ideas in healthcare management, quality improvement, or administrative work, the current hardcover listing at **\$61.16** is still a strong ownership value because it is cheaper than both the sampled new print and the eTextbook.

Store	Format	Condition	Price	Link
Merybook	Hardcover	New	\$61.16	Check listing
Stanza Textbooks	Rental	120-day rental	\$42.99	Check price
Walmart	Hardcover	New	\$79.48	Check price

Store	Format	Condition	Price	Link
VitalSource	eTextbook	Digital access	\$105.00	Check price

This is a systems book, and systems books tend to get more useful when readers begin seeing real organizations rather than classroom examples. The concepts behind throughput, staffing, quality, capacity, and process flow often return later in capstones, internships, and administrative work. That is why ownership can be easy to justify even when rental is cheaper.

What this book actually teaches

Healthcare Operations Management is about how healthcare organizations actually run: process improvement, performance, capacity, workflow, quality, and the operational side of getting care delivered. Its value is not only in defining management terms. It helps readers think about how systems behave, where bottlenecks appear, and how improvement work is organized.

That makes the book more like a working management reference than a one-term theory reader. If healthcare administration is a continuing direction for the student, the book is likely to stay relevant after the course ends.

When hardcover is worth keeping

If the course is your only reason for opening the book, rental is the cheaper path. If healthcare operations is part of your long-term direction, the current hardcover listing is an attractive ownership decision because the price gap over rental is modest while the future reuse value is real.

Sources checked

- Health Administration Press product page for *Healthcare Operations Management*, 4th edition: [ache.org / Health Administration Press](https://www.ache.org/Health-Administration-Press)
- Current market pricing reviewed on April 15, 2026.