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**TO: Eligible ASC Providers
Chief Executive Officers, Managed Care Plans (MCPs)
Directors, County Departments of Job and Family Services**

FROM: Barbara R. Sears, Director

SUBJECT: Ambulatory Surgery Center Updates Effective January 1, 2019

Summary

This Medicaid Transmittal Letter (MTL) provides information pertaining to the updated Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC) reimbursement methodology.

Rule Update

Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) rule 5160-22-01 entitled **Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC) services: provider eligibility, coverage, and reimbursement** is being amended to update the reimbursement methodology and to remove references to Administrative Code rules that have been rescinded. This amended rule will reimburse dental services that group to EAPGs 00350, 00351, 00352, 00353, 00354, 00355, 00356, 00357, 00358, 00359, 00360, 00361, 00362, 00363, 00364, 00365, 00366, 00367, 00368, 00369, 00370, 00371, or 00372 at a flat rate of \$953.60. The flat payment rate will be subject to the discounting, consolidation and packaging determined by the grouping software. References to rescinded Administrative Code rules and Administrative Code rules that are no longer necessary to cite have been removed from paragraph (E).

Annual CPT/HCPCS Update

As a result of the 2019 Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) and Healthcare Common Procedural Coding System (HCPCS) updates, the Enhanced Ambulatory Patient Groups (EAPG) covered codes list for ambulatory surgical centers were updated. The updated covered code list is published on the Department's website: <http://www.medicaid.ohio.gov/> > Providers > Fee Schedules and Rates > "I Agree" > Ambulatory Surgical Centers. The EAPG grouper version will not change. The Department will continue using EAPG grouper version 3.9. Also, the EAPG relative weights that were effective December 31, 2018 remain in effect.

Access to Rules and Related Material

Stakeholders who want to receive notification when ODM original or final files a rule package may visit JCARR's RuleWatch at www.rulewatchohio.gov where an account can be created to be notified of rule actions by rule number or department.

Stakeholders can subscribe to receive notification when a clearance or BIA is posted for public comment on the Ohio Business Gateway here:

<http://business.ohio.gov/reform/enotify/subscription.aspx>

The main web page of the ODM includes links to valuable information about its services and programs; the address is <http://medicaid.ohio.gov/>.

Information about hospital payment policies is available on the 'Fee Schedule and Rates' web page, which may be accessed through the main ODM web page (Providers > Fee Schedule and Rates).

Additional Information

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