



Medicaid Transmittal Letter (MTL) No. 3351-20-01

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**TO: All Hospital Providers
All Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC) Providers
Directors, County Departments of Job and Family Services**

FROM: Maureen M. Corcoran, Director

SUBJECT: Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC) reimbursement on or after September 1, 2020

Summary

This Medicaid Transmittal Letter (MTL) provides information pertaining to revisions to the payment policies for Ambulatory Surgery Centers (ASCs) in Ohio.

Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) rule 5160-22-01 is being amended. Details of the amendments to the rule are noted below. The effective date is September 1, 2020.

Rule 5160-22-01 sets forth provider eligibility, coverage, and reimbursement methodology for ASCs, subject to the Enhanced Ambulatory Patient Grouping (EAPG) system prospective payment methodology. The amendments to this rule are intended to align with the continued reform and modernization of the outpatient reimbursement methodology. In order to facilitate the move to EAPG version 3.14 from version 3.9, the Department recalibrated relative weights used to calculate ASC reimbursement. Rule 5160-22-01's amendments also update the methodology used to determine ASC base rates, which include adjusting payments to ASCs that focus on eye procedures in order to prevent an un-intended cut in Medicaid payments to these ASCs.

The following changes are being made to the ASC EAPG payment methodology: the EAPG base rate for ASCs is updated to ninety per cent of the statewide average outpatient hospital EAPG base rate; EAPGs 00134 and 00149 will no longer receive an enhanced payment; for the eye procedure enhancements, EAPG 00233's payment is multiplied by one hundred forty five per cent and EAPG 00485's payment is multiplied by two hundred thirty three percent.

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