

Payment for Services Furnished in Ambulatory Surgical Centers for Fiscal Year 2004

For services on/after September 1, 2004 through January 31, 2006 Facility fees for ambulatory surgery centers (ASC) will be reimbursed at the 2004 CMS rate/CPT Code Group, Locale 05 multiplied by 109%.

For services on/after February 1, 2006 through March 23, 2008 Facility fees for ambulatory surgery centers (ASC) will be reimbursed at the 2004 CMS rate/CPT Code Group, Locale 05 multiplied by 125%.

MD Service Area

Change Request No. 3082

Effective for dates of service on or after April 1, 2004, changes in payment will be made for services furnished in Ambulatory Surgical Centers (ASCs) during fiscal year 2004. The changes are due to the enactment of Section 626(a) of the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003, (MMA) on Dec. 8, 2003.

In fiscal year 2004, beginning with April 1, 2004, the increase in ASC payment rates will be the 2003 Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers (U.S. city average) (CPI-U) as estimated for the 12-month period ending March 31, 2003, minus 3.0 percentage points. The forecasted inflation of the CPI-U for the 12-month period ending March 31, 2003, was 3.0 percent. Therefore, the percentage increase of fiscal year 2003 ASC payment rates for fiscal year 2004 equals 0 percent. Effective for dates of service furnished on or after April 1, 2004, carriers will revert to the ASC payment group rates that were implemented effective Oct. 1, 2002.

Maryland	LOC 05
<u>ASC</u>	<u>Payment Rate</u>
Group 1	\$ 332.07
Group 2	\$ 444.76
Group 3	\$ 508.58
Group 4	\$ 628.24
Group 5	\$ 715.00
Group 6	\$ 824.11
Group 7	\$ 992.22
Group 8	\$ 970.70
Group 9	\$ 1,335.26