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Montana Healthcare Programs Notice

Ambulatory Surgical Center

Ambulatory Surgical Center Payment System

Effective for dates of service on or after April 1, 2008, Montana Medicaid implemented a prospective Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC) payment system in line with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) ASC payment methodology. This payment system prospectively determines amounts to be paid for covered surgical and ancillary services identified by codes and modifiers established under the CMS Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS). This payment system also indicates which costs are packaged and which surgical procedures are excluded.

Montana Medicaid rates will follow the CMS quarterly ASC payment updates. Listings of payable HCPCS codes and their corresponding payment rates are available on the Montana Medicaid ASC fee schedules. CMS also publishes quarterly addendums indicating covered surgical and ancillary services as well as non-covered surgical services.

Providers should review the Montana Medicaid ASC fee schedule or CMS web site for a listing of services and rates. Call ACS Provider Relations for claim inquires or the Department of Public Health and Human Services at (406) 444-4540 for payment methodology inquires.

Contact Information

For claims questions or additional information, contact Provider Relations:

Provider Relations toll-free in- and out-of-state: 1-800-624-3958

Helena: (406) 442-1837

E-mail: MTPRHelpdesk@ACS-inc.com

Visit the Provider Information website:

<http://www.mtmedicaid.org>