

Billing and Reimbursement

Ambulatory surgical centers



Ambulatory Surgical Centers (ASCs) are reimbursed according to the Medicare approved Ambulatory Payment Classification (APC) code list for ASCs.

- Services in each APC are similar clinically and in terms of the resources they require.
- A payment rate is established for each APC.
- Depending on the services provided, providers may be paid for more than one APC for an encounter.

GHP will not provide reimbursement for services that are not part of the Medicare ASC fee schedule unless the provider receives prior approval/authorization. ASCs are advised to monitor all scheduled procedures for compliance with the Medicare approved ASC list.

ASCs may not balance bill a member for denials related to this requirement.

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