

## ASCs Fast Facts

ASCs provide innovative, high-quality, patient-centered care and create a significant savings for patients and the health care system.

### **Quality Patient Care**

- ASCs perform outpatient surgical and diagnostic procedures
- 92 percent of ASC patients report satisfaction with their care
- ASCs are essential Medicare providers of surgical and cancer screening services
- ASCs provide over 40 percent of all Medicare colonoscopies contributing to the decrease in overall colorectal cancer mortality
- ASCs are independently regulated by several rigorous processes including Medicare certification, state licensure, and voluntary accreditation
- Many ASCs have independent accreditation and peer review to ensure that patients receive high-quality care
- Many ASCs focus on services that are recommended by the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force and Healthy People 2010 & 2020, such as colonoscopy screening

### **Innovation**

- Clinical advances, including improvement in anesthesia and pharmaceuticals, as well as innovation in surgery, such as the technology for minimally-invasive procedures and the advance of the intraocular lens, have led the migration of surgeries and procedures from the inpatient setting to the less-costly outpatient setting
- Many ASCs are privately owned by physicians and about 20 percent of ASCs are jointly owned by community hospitals

### **Convenience and Access**

- There are more than 5,200 Medicare-certified ASCs across all 50 states, with more than 1,000 facilities owned in partnerships with community hospitals
- Physician ownership enables:
  - Efficient use of the ASC facility
  - Conducive settings tailored to patients' needs
  - Better control over scheduling, so procedures are not often delayed or rescheduled due to staffing issues or demands
  - Innovative strategies for governance, leadership and quality initiatives

### **Savings**

- ASCs save Medicare \$2,000,000,000 (2 billion) annually by providing low-cost services
- By shifting just half of all eligible outpatient surgeries to the ASC setting, Medicare could save an additional \$2,300,000,000 (2.3 billion) annually
- ASCs save Medicare beneficiaries an average of 56 percent on their coinsurance

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