

Ambulatory Surgery Centers Project

Effective August 1, 2011, the Department will begin a provisional project with Ambulatory Surgery Centers (ASCs) to evaluate the potential for budget savings in Colorado Medicaid. The project will increase reimbursement for six procedure codes and open a new procedure code to determine if the Department would realize budget savings through the migration of certain procedures from higher cost outpatient settings to lower cost ASC settings.

These new rates are temporary in nature and will be re-evaluated periodically throughout the project.

Due to the increased reimbursement and the newly added code, there will be three additional ASC reimbursement groups created for this project. ASC Group 10 will reimburse at \$921.30, ASC Group 11 will reimburse at \$672.00 and ASC Group 12 will reimburse at \$1,668.35.

The following codes will be included:

ASC Group 10

42820- Tonsillectomy and Adenoidectomy; younger than age 12
42821- Tonsillectomy and Adenoidectomy; age 12 or over
42825- Tonsillectomy, Primary or Secondary; younger than age 12
42826-Tonsillectomy, Primary or Secondary; age 12 or over
42830-Adenoidectomy, Primary; younger than age 12

ASC Group 11

69436-Tympanostomy General Anesthesia

ASC Group 12

47562-Laparoscopic Cholecystectomy

The project will be closely monitored to track whether the migration is occurring at a reasonable rate, and if program should be continued. At the conclusion of the demonstration project, information from the project will be used to inform any changes to the permanent Ambulatory Surgical Center rate methodology.

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