



Medicare Permits Same-Day Surgery Without Exception

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), today, reversed its long-standing limitation on ASCs performing procedures on the day they are scheduled. ASCs will now be allowed to provide patient notifications on the day the procedure is performed, clearing the way for same-day surgeries.

Elimination of this condition for coverage has been a top priority for ASCA this year, and the association applauds this move, which will improve patient choice, reduce costs and lift an unnecessary regulatory burden from ASCs.

This revision is currently slated to take effect December 23, 2011.

A copy of the rule change is available at ascassociation.org/sameday.pdf.

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