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AMBULATORY SURGICAL CENTER (ASC) FEE SCHEDULE

Effective for dates of service on or after July 1, 2023, the MO HealthNet Division (MHD) is implementing a new Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC) fee schedule based on Medicare's ASC payment system. The state-developed fees for covered ASC surgical procedures will be based on ninety percent (90%) of the Medicare ASC rates effective as of January 1 of each year. Professional service fees in an ASC are not affected.

MHD must receive Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) approval of the MHD State Plan Amendment (SPA) prior to the ASC fee schedule changes. Until CMS approves the SPA, MHD must pay providers the current approved rate. MHD will enter the new rates and mass adjust claims for dates of service on and after July 1, 2023, once CMS has approved the SPA.

BILLING

In order to receive payment for services, ASC providers must bill using the SG (Ambulatory Surgical Center facility service) modifier or claims will deny.

All ASC services must use place of service 24 (Ambulatory Surgical Center).

Professional service fees are not reimbursable through the ASC Program. These services may only be covered and reimbursed through the performing provider's separate enrollment in their respective MO HealthNet service programs. The performing provider is not required on ASC claims.

Dental services can now be billed using the Current Dental Terminology (CDT) codes that begin with D. CDT code D9999 should no longer be used and will be denied.

REIMBURSEMENT

A complete fee schedule of ASC procedure codes with the MO HealthNet allowed amount is found in [Attachment A](#).

If a procedure code is listed on Attachment A as \$0.00, it is considered a packaged service or item and no separate payment is made.

Medicare multiple procedure discounting will be applied.

Bilateral procedures with modifier 50 will be reimbursed at 150% of the base fee.

APPLICABILITY

The information in this bulletin applies to the MO HealthNet (MHD) fee-for-service program and may apply to the MHD managed care program, as well. MHD's fee-for-service policies set the basic coverage policies for benefits and limitations in the managed care program. The managed care health plans have additional flexibilities in operating their respective programs such as determining which services require prior authorization, and details required for claims submission. Certain services, such as pharmacy, are "carved out" of managed care and will be paid through the fee-for-service program. To ensure your understanding of this bulletin's applicability to each managed care health plan, please contact your health plan directly, or contact MHD.MCCommunications@dss.mo.gov.

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The information contained in this bulletin applies to coverage for:

- MO HealthNet Fee-for-Service
- MO HealthNet Managed Care

Before delivering a service, please check the patient's eligibility status by swiping their MO HealthNet card, calling the Provider Communications Interactive Voice Response (IVR) System at 573-751-2896 and choosing Option One or using the Participant Eligibility option in [eMOMED](#). Questions regarding MO HealthNet Managed Care benefits should be directed to the patient's MO HealthNet Managed Care health plan.

[MHD Education and Training](#) offers schedules for interactive web based trainings for providers and general and program specific educational resources.

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