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Title 23: Division of Medicaid

Part 210: Ambulatory Surgical Centers

Part 210 Chapter 1: General

Rule 1.1: General

- A. Medicaid considers an Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC) a publicly, or privately, owned institution not considered a part of a hospital, in accordance with its function.
- B. Ambulatory surgical centers must be operated by its own organized medical and administrative staff primarily for the purpose of providing elective surgical treatment for “outpatients” whose recovery under normal and routine circumstances will not require “inpatient” care.
- C. The facility cannot include the offices of private physicians or dentists, whether practicing individually or in groups, but does include facilities engaged in such outpatient surgery, whether using the name “ambulatory surgical” facility or a similar or different name.
- D. A facility considered to be operated by a hospital or hospital holding, leasing, or management company, whether for-profit or non-profit, must be a separate, identifiable entity which is physically, administratively and financially independent and distinct from other operations of any hospital.
- E. Once licensed and certified as such, the “facility” will not be allowed to revert to the position as a component part of any hospital without securing a Certificate of Need to do so.

Source: Miss. Code Ann. § 43-13-121; 42 CFR § 416

Rule 1.2: Definitions

- A. Add-on codes are defined as procedures performed in addition to the primary service/procedure and are never reported as a stand-alone code. Add-on codes describe additional intra-service work associated with the primary procedure.
- B. Ambulatory surgery is defined as surgical procedure(s) that are more complex than office procedures, under local anesthesia, but less complex than procedures requiring prolonged postoperative monitoring and hospital care to ensure safe recovery and desirable results.
- C. Bilateral procedures are defined as exact procedures identified by the same procedure codes which are performed on anatomically bilateral sides of the body during the same operative session.
- D. Endoscopic procedure is defined as the performance of a procedure on interior organs and cavities of the body through an endoscope. An endoscope is a flexible fiber optic instrument used to visual the interior of a body cavity or organ.

- E. Incidental procedure is a procedure carried out at the same time as a primary procedure, but is clinically integral to the performance of the primary procedure or requires little additional physician resources.
- F. Multiple surgeries are defined as separate procedures performed by the same physician on the same patient at the same operative setting.
- G. Mutually exclusive procedures are defined as separate billing for two (2) or more procedures that are usually not performed for the same patient on the same date of service.
- H. Unbundled procedures are defined as the use of two (2) or more procedure codes to describe a procedure or event when a single procedure code exists that comprehensively describes the surgery performed.

Source: Miss. Code Ann. § 43-13-121; 42 CFR § 416

Rule 1.3: Provider Enrollment Requirements

Ambulatory surgical centers must meet all of the applicable requirements set forth in Miss. Admin. Code Title 23, Part 200, Chapter 4.

Source: Miss. Code Ann. § 43-13-121; 43-13-117; 43-13-118; 43-13-129; 42 CFR § 416

History: Revised eff. 08/01/2026.

Rule 1.4: Covered Services

- A. The Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC) must have procedures for obtaining routine and emergency laboratory and radiology services from Medicare-approved facilities. The ASC, when contracting for those lab, x-ray and hospital services which directly relate to the surgical procedure, must be billed by the provider performing these services.
- B. ASC services must be Medicare-approved items and services furnished by an ASC in connection with a covered surgical procedure furnished to a Medicaid beneficiary.
- C. ASC services do not include items and services for which payment may be made under other provisions including, but not limited to, physician services, lab, x-ray or diagnostic procedures, other than those directly related to performance of the surgical procedure.
- D. The ASC payment rate includes all the costs incurred by the ASC in providing services in connection with performing a specific procedure including, but not limited to, surgical supplies, equipment, and nursing services.
- E. The Division of Medicaid covers the cost of corneal tissue used in corneal transplant cases. The reimbursement will be one hundred percent (100%) of the cost reflected on the invoice

from the donor supplier excluding transportation fees. Transportation fees are not covered under the Medicaid program. This rule is applicable only to an ASC.

- F. The Division of Medicaid covers medically necessary dental treatment in the ASC setting when all the following are met:
1. Quality, safe, and effective treatment cannot be provided in an office setting,
 2. Inpatient hospitalization is not medically necessary [Refer to Miss. Admin. Code Part 204, Rule 1.11.B.], and
 3. Certain dental procedures have been prior authorized by the Division of Medicaid or designee.

Source: 42 C.F.R. Part 416; Miss. Code Ann. §§ 43-13-117, 43-13-121.

History: Revised eff. 10/01/2019.

Rule 1.5: Non-Covered Procedures

Non-covered services and procedures as outlined in Part 200, Chapter 2, Rule 2.2 performed in an Ambulatory Surgical Center are subject to Medicaid rules for reimbursement.

Source: Miss. Code Ann. § 43-13-121; 42 CFR § 416

Rule 1.6: Reimbursement

- A. Mississippi Medicaid Ambulatory Surgical Care (ASC) rates are updated October 1 of each year based on eighty percent (80%) of the Medicare ASC Payment System rate in effect July 1 of that year set by the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).
- B. Reimbursement is in accordance with the Medicaid ASC Procedure Schedule or the provider's usual and customary charges, whichever is less.
- C. The Division of Medicaid reimburses for multiple procedures as outlined in Miss. Admin. Code Part 203, Chapter 4.
- D. Surgical or other procedures canceled due to scheduling conflicts of the operating suite or physician, beneficiary request, or other reason not related to medical necessity, cannot be billed and no payment will be made for the procedure. Services provided prior to the procedure may be billed and are subject to coverage rules for those services.
- E. For surgical or other procedures canceled or terminated before completion due to changes in the beneficiary's medical condition that threaten his/her well-being, only the services that were actually performed may be billed are subject to coverage rules for those services. Clear

documentation regarding the medical necessity for cancellation or termination of the procedure must be provided.

F. ASC providers must bill the procedure code that accurately reflects the dental services rendered as follows:

1. Dental procedures performed by a Mississippi licensed dentist must be billed with a Code on Dental Procedures and Nomenclature (CDT).
2. Dental procedures performed by a Mississippi licensed dentist who is also a Mississippi licensed physician can bill either a CDT code or a Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) code.

Source: 42 C.F.R. Part 416; Miss. Code Ann. §§ 43-13-117, 43-13-121.

History: Revised to correspond with MS SPA 22-0026 (eff. 10/01/2022) effective 01/01/2023; Revised eff. 07/01/2021; Revised eff. 10/01/2019.

Rule 1.7: Documentation Requirements

The physician and ASC must maintain auditable records that will substantiate the services provided. The ASC must maintain a medical record for each patient. Medical records must include at least the following:

- A. Patient identification,
- B. Significant medical history and results of physical examination,
- C. Pre-operative diagnostic studies, entered before surgery, if performed,
- D. Findings and techniques of the operation, including a pathologist's report on all tissues removed during surgery, except those exempted by the governing body,
- E. Any allergies and abnormal drug reactions,
- F. Entries related to anesthesia administration,
- G. Documentation of properly executed informed patient consent, and
- H. Discharge diagnosis and instructions.

Source: Miss. Code Ann. § 43-13-121; 42 CFR § 416

Rule 1.8: Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT)

The Division of Medicaid pays for all medically necessary services for EPSDT-eligible beneficiaries in accordance with Part 223 of Title 23, without regard to service limitations and with prior authorization.

Source: Miss. Code Ann. § 43-13-121