



PROVIDER BULLETIN
#05-2017

TO: Participating freestanding ASCs

FROM: Daniel Brown
Director, Provider Reimbursement

DATE: March 31, 2017

SUBJECT: 2017 ASC Fee Schedule Updates

We are sending this bulletin to inform you that Independence Blue Cross and its affiliates (Independence) will be making changes to reimbursement rates for ambulatory surgical centers (ASC) effective for dates of service on or after July 1, 2017.

These reimbursement changes under your current Participating Ancillary Facility Agreement (Agreement) with Independence will be effective for Traditional Indemnity, HMO, POS, EPO, and PPO members enrolled in commercial and Medicare Advantage Benefits Programs. Please note that the impact to your reimbursement will vary based on the mix of services you provide.

Next steps

Please review the Ambulatory Surgical Center Surgery Fee Schedule (effective July 1, 2017), which can be found on the Independence Plan Central page of the NaviNet® web portal in the right-hand column under Provider Tools.

If you accept these changes, you do not need to take any further action. If you do not wish to accept the fee schedule changes, you may reject them in their entirety. To reject them in their entirety, you must send us, within 30 days of the date of this bulletin, a written notice of your intent to terminate your Agreement. The termination will be effective July 1, 2017. To decline the changes, please send a written notice of your intent to terminate your Agreement to:

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We encourage you to share this information with appropriate members of your staff.

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Questions

If you have any questions regarding this communication, please contact your Network Coordinator.

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