



**PROVIDER BULLETIN**  
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**TO:** Participating freestanding ambulatory surgical centers

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**DATE:** March 26, 2019

**SUBJECT:** 2019 ASC Fee Schedule Updates

We are sending this bulletin to inform you that Independence Blue Cross (Independence) is making changes to its reimbursement rates for ambulatory surgical centers (ASC) effective for dates of service on or after July 1, 2019.

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 link to an Excel document that contains the complete *Ambulatory Surgical Fee Schedule* that will go into effect July 1, 2019, provided in the notification email. If you accept these changes, you do not need to take any further action. To the extent that you wish to not accept these fee schedule changes, you must do so within the terms of your Agreement by providing written notice of your intention to terminate your Agreement within thirty (30) days from the date of this notice.

The complete fee schedule can also be viewed on the Independence Plan Central page of the NaviNet® web portal by selecting *Resources* from the Workflows menu.

### **Questions**

If you have any questions, please send an email to [specialistsrequests@ibx.com](mailto:specialistsrequests@ibx.com).

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

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