

2a. Ambulatory Surgery Center Access Payments

To promote Wisconsin Medicaid Program member access to physician services in ambulatory surgical centers (ASC) throughout Wisconsin, the Wisconsin Medicaid Program will provide an ASC access payment on Medicaid claims. The access payment will also be paid on dual eligible cross-over claims even if the Medicaid portion of the payment equals zero in order to promote access to dual eligible Medicaid recipients.

The total funding pool for ASC access payments will be \$20,080,000 million. This funding will be divided by the estimated number of ASC visits for the fiscal year based on historical data. The ASC access payments will be separate payments made in addition to the maximum fee payment for covered ASC services. To maximize access, the Department will increase the maximum allowable fee schedule. The maximum allowable fees will be increased by approximately 3 times the base maximum fee rate. Access payments per visit are only provided until the fee-for-service ASC access payment budget has been expended for the rate year. The effective date for service will be July 1, 2009 and the pool payment will be the same for governmental, non-profit, and for-profit providers. Providers will be determined eligible for access payments if they are Medicare-Certified on the list maintained by the department. The payments will be distributed for Fiscal Year 10.

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