

# Medicare B Update!

A Newsletter for Florida Medicare Part B Providers

## Updated Facility Rates for Ambulatory Surgical Centers Effective October 1, 2002



In accordance with section 1833(i)(2)(C) of the Social Security Act, payment rates for Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC) facility charges have been updated to reflect an inflation adjustment for services furnished on or after October 1, 2002. The statute provides that ASC payment rates for FY (Fiscal Year) 2003 be updated by the percentage increase in the consumer price index for all urban consumers (CPI-U). ASC rates are determined using an inpatient wage index for Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) and their constituent counties. For more information, refer to the *Federal Register* (67 FR 49982) published August 1, 2002.

Note that group 9 is included with this update. This group has been in existence since the early 1990s but has not been utilized because payment has not been made for the one code in this group, CPT 50590, subject to a court stay (*American Lithotripsy Society v. Sullivan*, 785, F. Supp. 1035 [D.D.C. 1992]). However, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is expecting to add several procedures to the ASC list effective in FY 2003 that will utilize this payment level. The payment amounts reflect the group 9 rates for all the CPI-U updates since this group was established.

A list of ASC-approved procedure codes and their payment groups was published in the Second Quarter 2002 *Medicare B Update!* (pages 12-15). A new list will be published in the *Update!* after the 2003 HCPCS update has been completed.

The following table provides new rates for ASC payment groups for each MSA and constituent counties. Claims for ASC services rendered on or after October 1, 2002, will be processed using these rates, even if they were submitted with the previous fees. Claims should *not* be resubmitted with a corrected billed charge.

Urban Areas- MSA Name/ Constituent Counties	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4	Group 5	Group 6	Group 7	Group 8	Group 9
DAYTONA BEACH	322.24	431.59	493.53	609.64	693.83	804.16	962.85	946.41	1295.73
Flagler Volusia									
FT. LAUDERDALE	341.08	456.82	522.37	645.29	734.39	842.39	1019.13	992.96	1371.47
Broward									
FT. MYERS CAPE CORAL	329.33	441.08	504.38	623.06	709.10	818.55	984.03	963.93	1324.24
Lee									
FT. PIERCE PORT ST. LUCIE	332.21	444.94	508.79	628.51	715.30	824.39	992.63	971.04	1335.82
Martin St. Lucie									
FT. WALTON BCH.	329.48	441.28	504.61	623.35	709.42	818.85	984.48	964.30	1324.84
Okaloosa									
GAINESVILLE Alachua	331.52	444.02	507.73	627.21	713.81	823.00	990.58	969.34	1333.05

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- Physician/Provider
- Office Manager
- Billing/Vendor
- Nursing Staff
- Other \_\_\_\_\_



Urban Areas- MSA Name/ Constituent Counties	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4	Group 5	Group 6	Group 7	Group 8	Group 9
JACKSONVILLE	325.90	436.49	499.12	616.58	701.71	811.58	973.78	955.45	1310.45
Clay									
Duval									
Nassau									
St. Johns									
LAKELAND	325.62	436.12	498.70	616.05	701.12	811.03	972.96	954.77	1309.34
WINTER HAVEN									
Polk									
MELBOURNE	335.90	449.89	514.45	635.50	723.25	831.89	1003.67	980.17	1350.67
TITUSVILLE									
PALM BAY									
Brevard									
MIAMI	330.88	443.16	506.75	625.99	712.43	821.69	988.66	967.75	1330.47
Dade									
NAPLES	330.18	442.22	505.68	624.67	710.92	820.27	986.57	966.03	1327.65
Collier									
OCALA	326.14	436.81	499.49	617.03	702.23	812.07	974.50	956.05	1311.41
Marion									
ORLANDO	328.87	440.47	503.67	622.20	708.11	817.62	982.66	962.79	1322.39
Lake									
Orange									
Osceola									
Seminole									
PANAMA CITY	319.98	428.56	490.06	605.38	688.96	799.57	956.09	940.82	1286.64
Bay									
PUNTA GORDA	324.03	433.98	496.26	613.04	697.68	807.79	968.19	950.83	1302.93
Charlotte									
SARASOTA	326.68	437.53	500.32	618.05	703.39	813.17	976.11	957.38	1313.58
BRADENTON									
Manatee									
Sarasota									
TAMPA	323.49	433.26	495.43	612.02	696.52	806.69	966.58	949.50	1300.76
ST. PETE									
CLEARWATER									
Hernando									
Hillsborough									
Pasco									
Pinellas									
WEST PALM BCH	332.30	445.06	508.93	628.69	715.49	824.58	992.91	971.27	1336.19
BOCA RATON									
Palm Beach									
Rural Counties Whose Hospitals are Deemed Urban County/ Urban Area	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4	Group 5	Group 6	Group 7	Group 8	Group 9
Indian River/ FT. PIERCE	332.21	444.94	508.80	628.51	715.30	824.39	992.63	971.04	1335.82
Non-Urban Areas	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4	Group 5	Group 6	Group 7	Group 8	Group 9
FLORIDA (Rest of State)	319.39	427.78	489.16	604.27	687.70	798.38	954.35	939.37	1284.29

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