

Medicare B Update!

A Newsletter for Connecticut and Florida Medicare Part B Providers

Updated Facility Rates for Ambulatory Surgical Centers in Connecticut and Florida

Effective October 1, 2003

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, 2003. The statute provides that the ASC payment rates for FY (Fiscal Year) 2004 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* (68 FR 45346) published August 1, 2003.

A list of procedure codes and associated payment groups for which payment may be made to an ASC for the facility fee was published in the Fourth Quarter 2003 *Medicare B Update!* (pages 23-28).

The following tables list the new rates for each of the ASC payment groups listed for each MSA and constituent counties. Claims for ASC services rendered on or after October 1, 2003, will be processed using these updated rates, even if they were submitted with the previous fees. Claims should *not* be resubmitted with a corrected billed charge.

Connecticut

Urban Areas- MSA Name/ Constituent Counties	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4	Group 5	Group 6	Group 7	Group 8	Group 9
NEW HAVEN	368.91	493.69	564.21	697.67	793.15	898.67	1101.30	1060.33	1482.14
BRIDGEPORT									
STAMFORD									
WATERBURY									
Danbury									
Fairfield									
New Haven									
Non-Urban Areas (Rest of State)	365.57	489.22	559.11	691.36	785.97	891.89	1091.33	1052.10	1468.73

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Florida

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 Flagler Volusia	328.99	440.27	503.16	622.18	707.33	817.67	982.13	961.83	1321.76
FT. LAUDERDALE Broward	345.61	462.51	528.58	653.61	743.06	851.39	1031.75	1002.84	1388.54
FT. MYERS CAPE CORAL Lee	337.84	452.12	516.70	638.92	726.37	835.63	1008.57	983.68	1357.34
FT. PIERCE PORT ST. LUCIE Martin St. Lucie	341.45	456.94	522.22	645.75	734.12	842.95	1019.34	992.58	1371.84
FT. WALTON BCH. Okaloosa	327.89	438.79	501.48	620.10	704.96	815.42	978.84	959.11	1317.34
GAINESVILLE Alachua	336.40	450.19	514.50	636.20	723.27	832.70	1004.27	980.13	1351.55
JACKSONVILLE Clay Duval Nassau St. Johns	334.88	448.15	512.17	633.32	720.00	829.61	999.72	976.37	1345.44
MELBOURNE TITUSVILLE PALM BAY Brevard	337.38	451.49	515.99	638.04	725.36	834.68	1007.17	982.53	1355.46
MIAMI Dade NAPLES Collier	338.76	453.34	518.10	640.65	728.33	837.48	1011.29	985.94	1361.01
OCALA Marion	336.81	450.74	515.13	636.97	724.15	833.53	1005.49	981.14	1353.20
ORLANDO Lake Orange Osceola Seminole	335.95	449.58	513.80	635.34	722.29	831.78	1002.90	979.00	1349.72
PUNTA GORDA Charlotte	334.26	447.32	511.22	632.15	718.66	828.35	997.87	974.84	1342.94
SARASOTA BRADENTON Manatee Sarasota	339.66	454.55	519.48	642.36	730.27	839.31	1013.99	988.16	1364.64
TAMPA ST. PETE CLEARWATER Hernando Hillsborough Pasco Pinellas	329.49	440.94	503.93	623.13	708.41	818.68	983.63	963.07	1323.79
WEST PALM BCH BOCA RATON Palm Beach	337.63	451.83	516.38	638.53	725.91	835.20	1007.94	983.16	1356.49
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	341.45	456.94	522.22	645.75	734.12	842.95	1019.34	992.58	1371.84
Non-Urban Areas FLORIDA (Rest of State)	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4	Group 5	Group 6	Group 7	Group 8	Group 9
	326.59	437.05	499.49	617.64	702.17	812.78	974.96	955.91	1312.12

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