

PROVIDER BULLETIN
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TO: Participating freestanding ambulatory surgical centers

FROM: Daniel Brown
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DATE: July 1, 2020

SUBJECT: 2020 ASC Fee Schedule and amendment updates

Independence Blue Cross and its affiliates (Independence) are announcing changes to our ancillary provider fee schedule and Ancillary Provider Agreement (Agreement), effective October 1, 2020.

Fee schedule changes

We are updating the standard ancillary provider fee schedule and drug fee schedules for ambulatory surgical centers (ASCs) effective for dates of service on or after October 1, 2020.

Please review the link provided in the notification email to an Excel document that contains the complete *Ambulatory Surgical Fee Schedule*, effective October 1, 2020.

The fee schedule changes affect the reimbursement rates for ASCs. These reimbursement changes are effective for Traditional Indemnity, HMO, POS, EPO, and PPO members enrolled in commercial and Medicare Advantage Benefits Programs. The impact to your reimbursement will vary based on the mix of services you provide.

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.

Amendment changes

Effective October 1, 2020, we are amending the Agreement to align with contract language changes to our standard form Agreement.

Please review the Advisory and Amendment attached to the notification email, and effective for dates of service on or after October 1, 2020.

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

Next steps

Please review the changes to our ancillary provider fee schedule and Ancillary Provider Agreement:

- If you accept these changes, you do not need to take any further action.
- If you do not accept these fee schedule changes, you must provide written notice of your intention to terminate your Agreement within thirty (30) days from the date of this notice, in accordance with the terms of your Agreement.

Questions

If you have questions, please send an email to pnsproviderrequests@ibx.com with the subject line "Ancillary Fee Schedule updates." Please make sure to include the practice name, NPI number, and your contact information. You will receive a response within five business days.

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