



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

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**SUBJECT:** 2018 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, 2018.

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 attached Ambulatory Surgical Center Surgery Fee Schedule, which will become effective July 1, 2018. 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.

**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.**

For a copy of the *Ambulatory Surgical Center Surgery Fee Schedule*, please submit a request using the [Provider Contract or Provider Fee/Rate Schedule Request](#) form.