

AMBULATORY SURGICAL CENTER SERVICES

An ambulatory surgical center (ASC) must meet Medicare's Conditions for Coverage (CFCs) and be enrolled with ND Medicaid as an ASC. Evidence of meeting Medicare's CFCs can be either the ASC being enrolled with Medicare or certification from The Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care (AAAHC), The Joint Commission, the American Association for Accreditation of Ambulatory Surgery Facilities, Inc (AAAASF) or the Health Care Facilities Accrediting Program (HFAP) of the ASC meeting Medicare's CFCs. An ASC may be independent or operated by a hospital.

COVERED SERVICES

Procedures listed on the ND Medicaid ASC fee schedule are covered within an ASC. Members may receive ASC-covered services within applicable lifetime limits, etc. A procedure may require service authorization. Reference *Codes Requiring Service Authorization* at: <https://www.hhs.nd.gov/human-services/medicaid/provider>

An ASC is only paid the facility fee for the surgical procedure. An ASC may not bill any other services. The following services and supplies are included in the ASC facility fee and may not be billed or paid separately:

- Use of facility (operating and recovery rooms, patient preparation areas, waiting rooms, and all other areas used by the patient or offered for use by persons accompanying the patient).
- Nursing and technician services provided by ASC employees (e.g., nurses, technicians, orderlies).
- Drugs, biologicals, surgical dressings, supplies, splints, casts appliances, and equipment commonly furnished by the ASC in connection with surgical procedures. Drugs and biologicals are limited to those that cannot be self-administered.
- Urinary supplies, such as collection devices, indwelling and external catheters, drainage bags, leg straps, external urethral clamps, irrigation supplies (bulbs, syringes, tubing, sterile saline, or water), insertion trays, and perianal fecal collection pouches.
- Administrative, record keeping, and housekeeping services necessary to operate the facility (e.g., scheduling, cleaning, utilities, rent).
- Blood, blood plasma, and platelets.
- Anesthetic and any supplies, whether disposable or reusable, necessary for its administration.

SEPARATELY COVERED SERVICES

The following services and supplies are not included in the ASC facility fee and may be billed separately by an enrolled provider other than the ASC.

- Professional services: physician, anesthesiologist (administration or supervision of the administration of anesthesia), and certified registered nurse anesthetists (CRNA) services;
- Laboratory, x-ray, or diagnostic procedures other than those directly related to the performance of the surgical procedure;
- Prosthetic devices;
- Ambulance services;
- Durable medical equipment for use in the member's home; and
- Pathology services.