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Dear Ambulatory Surgical Center Provider:

Effective January 1, 2008, in accordance with the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) revised the Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC) payment system. The revised ASC payment system changed the process of setting reimbursement rates and the number of payment groups.

At this time, Florida Medicaid is unable to make changes to the current ASC payment system; therefore, the rates for the nine payment groups will not change. Florida Medicaid must wait until the new fiscal agent contract with Electronic Data Systems (EDS) is fully implemented before making system changes. Until system changes are fully implemented, we will not be able to determine if there will be a mass adjustment to payments retroactive to January 1, 2008.

Thank you for your services to Florida Medicaid beneficiaries. If you have questions, please contact your local area office or Princilla Jefferson at (850) 922-7724.

Sincerely,

Beth Kidder, Chief
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cc: Florida Medicaid Field Office Managers
Peter Lohrengel, Florida Society of ASCs

