

Layout for CY 2019 Proposed Rule Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC) Payment System Supplier Specific File

These supplier level data are abstracted from an internal file used to calculate the budget neutrality adjustments for the proposed CY 2019 ASC Payment System. This file contains data for ASC services billed in CY 2018 that were eligible to receive payment under the ASC Payment System. We used these CY 2017 claims, along with CY 2018 payment rates and wage indices and proposed CY 2019 payment rates and wage indices, to model payment under the CY 2018ASC Payment System¹ and the proposed CY 2019 ASC Payment System.

Column	Title	Description
A	Carrier	Medicare contractor that processes claims for ASC.
B	National Provider Identification Number	Supplier identification number. ²
C	Allowed Services	The total number of services that we estimate a supplier would be allowed to bill for under the CY 2015 ASC Payment System without application of the multiple procedure discount. ³
D	CY 2019 Pre floor and Pre Reclassification Wage Index	Proposed CY 2019 Pre-floor and Pre-reclassification wage index assigned by core based statistical area (CBSA).
E	Core Based Statistical Area for Wage Index assignment (CBSA)	Labor market area assignment for purposes of assigning the wage index.
F	Supplier State	State level SSA designation for supplier based on geographic location of facility.
G	Supplier County	County level SSA designation for supplier based on geographic location of facility.
H	State Label	State abbreviation.
I	Estimated CY 2019 ASC payment	CY 2019 aggregated payment to supplier. This number is wage adjusted by the proposed CY 2019 wage index to reflect differences in labor market areas. Calculated aggregated payments are represented in whole dollars with no cents.
J	Estimated CY 2018 ASC Payment	CY 2018 aggregated payment to supplier. This number is wage adjusted by the CY 2018 wage index to reflect differences in labor market areas. Calculated aggregated payments are represented in whole dollars with no cents.
K	Region	CMS region of country supplier is located.
L	Carrier Name	Medicare contractor name that processes claims for ASC.
M	Discounted allowed Services	The discounted number of services that we estimate a supplier would be allowed to bill for under the proposed system. ³

¹In our calculation of aggregate payment to suppliers, we revised 2017 HCPCS codes (where appropriate) to their 2019 status and description using internal 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 crosswalk files.

² In past files we created the supplier identifier values by concatenating the carrier number and provider identification number variables. This identifier has now been replaced by the NPI number.

³ Most covered surgical procedures are subject to a 50 percent reduction in the ASC payment for the lower-paying procedure when more than one procedure is performed in a single operative session.