



Re: GI/GU Procedures performed in Ambulatory Surgery Centers (ASCs)

Dear Maryland Physicians Care (MPC) Provider:

MPC now requires prior authorization (PA) for certain ***gastroenterology and urology*** procedures if performed in a hospital outpatient facility. It is our intention to have all procedures performed in free-standing ASCs where access to these facilities is available. ***It is important to note that out of state providers are not subjected to the ASC PA policy and the aforementioned services can be performed at Out of State hospitals with authorization.***

Please refer to MPC's Online Prior Authorization Requirement Search Tool to determine whether a particular CPT code (procedure) should be performed at an ASC. This tool allows you to receive immediate information regarding PA requirements.

New providers are added to MPC's network on a regular basis; therefore please refer to our online provider directory for the most up to date information. It is important to note that there are some exceptions to this policy based on the complexity of the procedure to be performed as well as the geographic location (county) in which the service will take place. As MPC's ASC network expands additional counties will be included in the policy.

This policy is currently in effect in the following counties:

- **Anne Arundel**
- **Baltimore City**
- **Baltimore**
- **Carroll**
- **Frederick**
- **Harford**
- **Howard**
- **Montgomery**
- **Prince George's (Effective 9/1/14)**
- **Washington**

The following counties are currently excluded from this policy:

- **Allegany**
- **Caroline**
- **Calvert**
- **Cecil**
- **Charles**
- **Dorchester**
- **Garrett**
- **Kent**
- **Queen Annes**
- **Somerset**
- **St. Mary's**
- **Talbot**
- **Wicomico**
- **Worcester**