



July 1, 2022

Re: Ambulatory Surgery Center Requirement for Pain Management and Orthopedic Surgery Services

Dear Provider:

**Effective September 1, 2022, Maryland Physicians Care (MPC) is requiring pain management and orthopedic surgery services that can be performed in an outpatient setting, as determined by CMS, be performed in an Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC).**

The list of CMS outpatient procedures can be found at the following link:

[https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/ASCPayment/11\\_Addenda\\_Updates](https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/ASCPayment/11_Addenda_Updates)

MPC's list of participating ASCs can be found at the online provider directory by searching under 'Provider Type - Clinic' and then 'Specialty – Ambulatory Surgery Center':

<https://mpmdportal.valence.care/member/#findaprovider>

Please be aware that on and after September 1, 2022, outpatient pain management and orthopedic services not requiring an authorization, based on Maryland Physicians Care's online search tool, will need a prior authorization if they are on the CMS outpatient procedures list and are being done in a hospital setting.

For questions, please contact Provider Relations at 800-953-8854, option 2.

Thank you for the services that you provide to our members.

Sincerely,

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Chief Medical Officer