
CHAPTER 29: AMBULATORY SURGICAL CENTERS

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The Medicaid Ambulatory Surgery Program provides surgical services to eligible Medicaid recipients not requiring hospitalization and which the expected duration of services would not exceed 24 hours following an admission. Services are provided at an ambulatory surgical center (ASC) which is a free-standing facility, separate from a hospital, which meets the needs of the eligible recipient for minor surgery.

The purpose of this chapter is to set forth the conditions and requirements an ASC must meet in order to qualify for reimbursement under the Louisiana Medicaid program. The manual is intended to make available to Medicaid providers of ASCs a ready reference for information and procedural material needed for the prompt and accurate filing of claims for services furnished to Medicaid recipients. The Department of Health and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services Financing (BHSF), Program Operations Section is responsible for assuring provider compliance with these regulations.