

an ambulatory surgical center shall be reduced by 3.5 percent of the rate in effect on February 25, 2009.

D. Effective for dates of service on or after February 5, 2010, the reimbursement for surgical services provided by an ambulatory surgical center shall be reduced by 5 percent of the rate in effect on February 4, 2010.

E. Effective for dates of service on or after August 1, 2010, the reimbursement for surgical services provided by an ambulatory surgical center shall be reduced by 4.4 percent of the fee amounts on file as of July 31, 2010.

F. Effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2011, the reimbursement for surgical services provided by an ambulatory surgical center shall be reduced by 2 percent of the fee amounts on file as of December 31, 2010.

G. Effective for dates of service on or after July 1, 2012, the reimbursement for surgical services provided by an ambulatory surgical center shall be reduced by 3.7 percent of the fee amounts on file as of June 30, 2012.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 36:254 and Title XIX of the Social Security Act.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 35:1889 (September 2009), amended LR 36:2278 (October 2010), LR 37:1572 (June 2011), LR 39:317 (February 2013), amended by the Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 47:1311 (September 2021).

§7503. Reimbursement Methodology

A. The reimbursement for surgical procedures performed in an ambulatory surgical center is a flat fee per service in accordance with the four payment groups established for ambulatory surgery services as specified on the Medicaid fee schedule.

1. The flat fee reimbursement is for facility charges only, which covers all operative functions associated with the performance of a medically necessary surgery including admission, patient history and physical, laboratory tests, operating room staffing, recovery room charges, all supplies related to the surgical care of the patient and discharge.

2. The flat fee excludes payments for the physician performing the surgery, the radiologist and the anesthesiologist when these professionals are not under contract with the ambulatory surgery center.

3. Effective for dates of service on or after September 20, 2021, the Medicaid Program shall provide reimbursement for COVID-19 laboratory testing in addition to the ambulatory surgical center flat fee reimbursement amount.

B. For those surgical procedures not included in the payment groupings on the Medicaid fee schedule, the reimbursement is the established flat fee for the service.

C. Effective for dates of service on or after February 26, 2009, the reimbursement for surgical services provided by