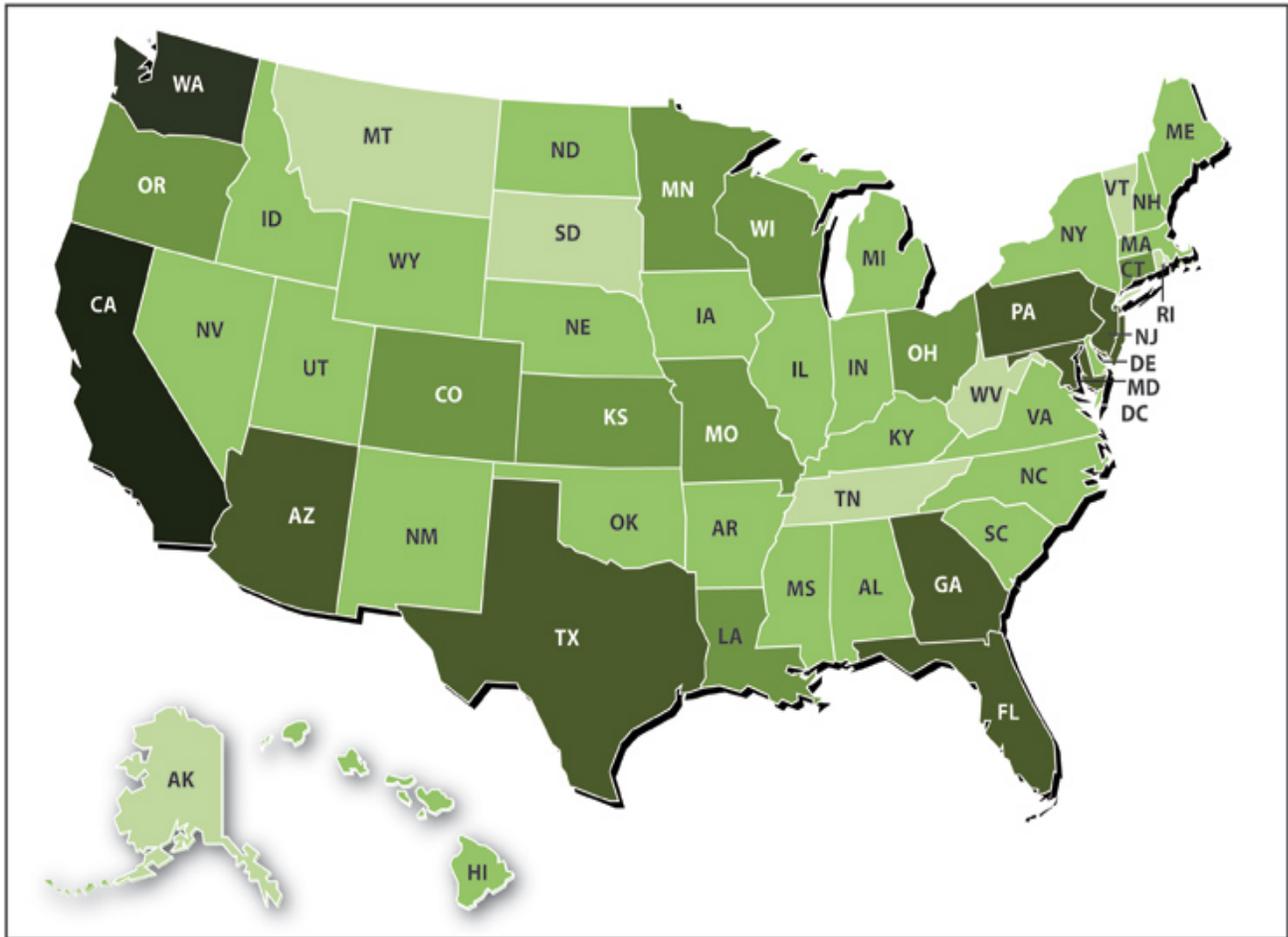


**Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC)  
Healthcare-Associated Infection (HAI) Initiative  
Recovery Act – FY 2010 Plan Approvals**

Funds Paid Out \*



**The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Recovery Act)** appropriated \$50 million to the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Office of the Secretary. These funds are being provided to States for the execution and implementation of healthcare-associated infection (HAI) reduction strategies. They will also be used for State prevention activities and enhancing oversight at the State level. Of the total \$50 million appropriated to reduce HAIs, \$10 million is provided for State Survey Agencies to improve the survey process for Medicare-participating Ambulatory Surgical Centers (ASCs). ASCs account for 43 percent of all same-day (ambulatory) surgery in the United States, amounting to about 15 million procedures every year and have been the fastest growing provider type participating in Medicare, increasing in number by more than 38% between 2002 and 2007. Typical surgical procedures conducted in ASCs include endoscopies and colonoscopies (including removal of identified polyps), orthopedic procedures, plastic/reconstructive surgeries, and eye, foot, and ear/nose/throat surgeries. A 2008 Hepatitis C outbreak in Nevada was traced to poor infection control practices at various ASCs (potentially affecting more than 50,000 people). Follow-up Medicare surveys throughout Nevada found serious deficiencies at 64% of the ASCs surveyed, primarily with infection control practices.

This initiative will significantly expand the awareness of proper infection control practices among ASCs and States, increase the extent to which infection control deficiencies are both identified and remedied, and prevent future serious infections in ASCs by:

- (a) Improving States agency inspection capability and frequency for onsite surveys of ASCs nationwide,
- (b) Using a new infection control survey tool developed by the CDC and CMS,
- (c) Improving the survey process through the use of a CMS tracer methodology, and
- (d) Using multi-person teams for ASCs over a certain size or complexity.

The Recovery Act funds will enable the application of the above four-component new survey process nationwide.

12 states – Maine, New Jersey, Maryland, Florida, North Carolina, Indiana, Michigan, Arkansas, Oregon, Utah, Wyoming and Kansas – surveyed an estimated 125 ambulatory surgical centers (ASCs) in FY2009, at an estimated cost of up to \$1 million. The onsite reviews, paid for out of Recovery Act funds, were designed to ensure that the facilities are following Medicare’s health and safety standards.

Up to \$9 million is available in FY2010 for all States to make additional inspections of ASCs with the new, improved survey tool. 43 States have requested Recovery Act funds for FY2010.

The CDC will also make \$40 million available to State public health departments to create or expand State-based HAI prevention and surveillance efforts, and strengthen the public health workforce trained to prevent HAIs. These funds support activities outlined in HHS’ 2009 Action Plan to Prevent Health care-Associated Infections, available at

<http://www.hhs.gov/ophs/initiatives/hai/prevention.html>

The map above depicts, in varying shades of green, the amount of funding CMS is providing to the 43 States participating in the FY10 portion of the initiative. The specific breakdown is below.

State	Funding	Eligible ASCs in State	Estimated surveys in 2010
Alabama	\$47,767.00	40	13
Arkansas	\$45,888.19	64	22
Arizona	\$260,041.00	120	40
California	\$1,261,979.00	471	157
Colorado	\$177,787.00	90	30
Connecticut	\$105,959.00	41	14
Delaware	\$24,544.23	11	4
Florida	\$396,273.00	275	92
Georgia	\$392,057.00	252	84
Hawaii	\$17,262.00	12	4
Idaho	\$56,820.00	43	15
Illinois	\$98,351.00	83	27
Indiana	\$35,551.57	91	31
Iowa	\$4,253.00	9	3
Kansas	\$185,681.00	47	17
Kentucky	\$38,419.50	34	12

Louisiana	\$161,162.39	68	22
Maine	\$30,135.00	16	5
Maryland	\$569,682.75	351	116
Massachusetts	\$97,000.00	28	10
Michigan	\$90,455.34	53	18
Minnesota	\$117,625.00	50	17
Mississippi	\$94,841.00	58	20
Missouri	\$166,694.00	94	19
Nebraska	\$60,866.00	40	14
Nevada	\$46,232.00	38	13
New Hampshire	\$11,955.00	14	5
New Jersey	\$356,849.00	133	59
New Mexico	\$40,963.00	18	6
New York	\$66,102.48	45	15
North Carolina	\$67,529.14	61	20
North Dakota	\$18,685.00	16	8
Ohio	\$139,565.42	100	37
Oklahoma	\$80,846.00	43	20
Oregon	\$156,104.00	75	50
Pennsylvania	\$336,479.00	216	72
South Carolina	\$97,378.65	61	21
Texas	\$531,232.00	265	87
Utah	\$35,160.83	37	12
Virginia	\$98,790.00	44	15
Washington	\$695,080.00	171	61
Wisconsin	\$123,784.00	37	13
Wyoming	\$20,430.00	16	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,460,260.49</b>	<b>3831</b>	<b>1326</b>