

User Notes – Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC) Provider Specific File for the CY 2009 OPPS/ASC Final Rule

This file contains provider level payment estimates under the CY 2008 and CY 2009 Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC) payment system. To create this file we used a provider level dataset of 2007 ASC claims. We defined the supplier identifier values in this file for the sole purpose of creating this file using the unique combination of carrier number and provider identification number. We used the provider zip code reported on the claim to associate a CBSA with each ASC for purposes of assigning a wage index value. This file only contains data for ASC services billed in CY 2007 that were eligible to receive payment under the previous ASC payment system and services that are adjusted for differences in labor cost under the revised ASC payment system. This file does not include services that were added under the revised ASC payment system.

We modeled total CY 2008 payments using CY 2008 ASC payment rates, the ASC payment system labor related share of 50 percent and the CY 2008 pre-reclassification wage index values based on CBSAs. We modeled total CY 2009 payments using revised CY 2009 ASC payment rates, the labor related share of 50 percent and the CY 2009 pre-reclassification wage index values based on CBSAs. Those estimated total payments are shown in the file along with provider-level utilization and geographic information. Please see the accompanying layout for a description of all the variables in the file.