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	Change Request 14414

SUBJECT: Contractor Instructions to Modify the Ambulatory Surgical Center Fee Schedule (ASC FS) Layout and ASC DRUG Record Layout

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II. CHANGES IN MANUAL INSTRUCTIONS: (N/A if manual is not updated)

R=REVISED, N=NEW, D=DELETED-*Only One Per Row.*

R/N/D	CHAPTER / SECTION / SUBSECTION / TITLE
N/A	N/A

III. FUNDING:

For Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs):

The Medicare Administrative Contractor is hereby advised that this constitutes technical direction as defined in your contract. CMS does not construe this as a change to the MAC Statement of Work. The contractor is not obligated to incur costs in excess of the amounts allotted in your contract unless and until specifically authorized by the Contracting Officer. If the contractor considers anything provided, as described above, to be outside the current scope of work, the contractor shall withhold performance on the part(s) in question and immediately notify the Contracting Officer, in writing or by e-mail, and request formal directions regarding continued performance requirements.

IV. ATTACHMENTS:

One Time Notification

Attachment - One-Time Notification

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II. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. Background: CMS Change Request (CR) 13687 implemented a payment cap for certain facility Healthcare Common Procedure Codes (HCPCS) in the ASC setting effective January 1, 2025.

The ASC FS and ASC Drug record layouts provided with the CR indicated that the Payment Cap Price field is zero-filled for contractor-priced codes or when the Payment Cap Indicator = “N”.

CMS has since determined that the Payment Cap Price field should not be defined as a zero-filled amount field unless the Payment Cap Indicator = N (in which case the payment cap is not applicable).

B. Policy: This change request provides instructions for the contractor to modify the ASC FS and ASC DRUG layout “Payment Cap Price” field to remove language related to contractor-priced codes. There are no new changes required for the ASC FS and ASC DRUG record layouts. All other existing requirements indicated in CR 13687 remain the same.

III. BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS TABLE

"Shall" denotes a mandatory requirement, and "should" denotes an optional requirement.

Number	Requirement	Responsibility								
		A/B MAC			DME MAC	Shared-System Maintainers				Other
		A	B	HHH		FISS	MCS	VMS	CWF	
14414.1	The contractor shall modify the ASC FS file processing logic to ensure that the Payment Cap Price field is overlaid for contractor-priced code records when updated ASC FS records are retrieved from the PCS Web API and processed.						X			
14414.2	The contractor shall modify the ASC DRUG file processing logic to ensure that the Payment Cap Price field is overlaid for contractor-priced code records when updated ASC DRUG records are retrieved from the PCS Web API and						X			

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	processed.									
14414.3	Contractors shall ensure that the changes in the revised ASC Drug cloud pricing service (payment cap price) continue to interface correctly with existing ASC DRUG programming as well as all other current ASC DRUG module programming to properly process ASC DRUG claims.		X							
14414.4	Contractors shall ensure that the changes in the revised ASC FS cloud pricing service (payment cap price) continue to interface correctly with existing ASC FS programming as well as all other current ASC FS module programming to properly process ASC FS claims.		X							

IV. PROVIDER EDUCATION

None

Impacted Contractors: None

V. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Section A: Recommendations and supporting information associated with listed requirements:

"Should" denotes a recommendation.

X-Ref Requirement Number	Recommendations or other supporting information:
	Attachment A - ASC Fee Schedule Record Layout - October 1, 2026 Attachment B - ASC DRUG Record Layout - October 1, 2026

Section B: All other recommendations and supporting information: N/A

VI. CONTACTS

Post-Implementation Contact(s): Contact your Contracting Officer's Representative (COR).

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ATTACHMENTS: 2

ASCFS Record Layout

(10/01/2026 update)

<u>Field Name</u>	<u>Positions</u>	<u>Length</u>	
HCPCS	1-5	5	ASC Procedures and Devices NOTE: The ASC FS File will contain a record for each HCPCS/CBSA
Filler (Space)	6	1	
Modifier	7-8	2	
Filler (Space)	9-11	3	
ASC Group	12-16	5	
Filler (Space)	17	1	
CBSA	18-22	5	
Filler (Space)	23	1	
Wage Index	24-28	9v9999 (9.9999)	
Filler (Space)	29-33	5	
Procedure Indicator	34	1	S—Surgical Procedure A—Ancillary Service C—Carrier Priced
Filler (Space)	35	1	
Coinsurance 25% Indicator	36	1	Y—Yes N—No
Filler (Space)	37	1	
Multi-Procedure Discount Indicator	38	1	0--Surgical Procedure for which multi adjustment does not apply 1--Surgical Procedure for which multiple payment adjustments can apply 9—Concept of multiple procedure adjustment does not apply
Filler (Space)	39	1	
FB Mod Reduced Price	40-46	9(5)v99 (\$\$\$\$\$.cc)	Field is zero filled when FB Modifier Field has value of "N"
Filler (Space)	47	1	
Price	48-54	9(5)v99 (\$\$\$\$\$.cc)	Field is zero filled for carrier priced codes
Filler (Space)	55	1	
FC Mod Reduced Price	56-62	9(5)v99 (\$\$\$\$\$.cc)	Field is zero filled for carrier priced codes
Filler (Space)	63	1	
Group Price	64-70	9(5)v99 (\$\$\$\$\$.cc)	
Filler (Space)	71	1	
FB/FC Modifier	72	1	Y—Yes N—No
Filler (Space)	73	1	
Year (Update)	74-81	8	YYYYMMDD—Effective date of prices
Filler (Space)	82	1	
Penalty FB Mod Reduced Price	83-89	9(5)v99 (\$\$\$\$\$.cc)	Field is zero filled when FB/FC modifier has value of "N"
Filler	90	1	
Penalty Price	91-97	9(5)v99 (\$\$\$\$\$.cc)	

			Field is zero filled for carrier priced codes
Filler	98	1	
Penalty FC Mod Reduced Price	99-105	9(5)v99	(\$\$\$\$\$.cc) Field is zero filled when FB/FC modifier has value of "N"
Filler	106	1	
Penalty Group Price	107-113	9(5)v99	
(\$\$\$\$\$.cc) Filler	114	1	
Payment Cap Indicator	115	1	Y—Yes N- No
Filler (Space)	116	1	
Payment Cap Price	117-123	9(5)v99	(\$\$\$\$\$.cc) Field is zero-filled if Payment Cap Indicator = N
Filler (Space)	124-142	19	

ASC Drug Record Layout

(October 1, 2026 Update)

<u>Field Name</u>	<u>Positions</u>	<u>Length</u>	
HCPCS	1-5	5	
Filler (Space)	6	1	
Modifier	7-8	2	
Filler (Space)	9	1	
ASC Drug Status Indicator	10	1	A—Drug Fee Provided C—Carrier Priced code
Filler (Space)	11	1	
Drug Price	12-18	9(5)v99 (\$\$\$\$\$.cc)	Field is zero-filled for carrier priced codes
Filler (Space)	19	1	
Year (Update)	20-27	8	YYYYMMDD—Effective date of prices
Filler (Space)	28	1	
Co-insurance Percentage	29-34	6	
Filler (Space)	35	1	
Payment Cap Indicator	36	1	Y—Yes N—No
Filler (Space)	37	1	
Payment Cap Price	38-44	9(5)v99 (\$\$\$\$\$.cc)	Field is zero-filled if Payment Cap Indicator = N
Filler (Space)	45-50	6	