

## Layout for CY 2026 NPRM Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC) Payment System Supplier Specific File

These supplier level data are abstracted from an internal file used to calculate the budget neutrality adjustments for the proposed CY 2026 ASC Payment System. This file contains data for ASC services billed in CY 2024 that were eligible to receive payment under the ASC Payment System. We used these CY 2024 claims, along with CY 2025 payment rates and wage indices and proposed CY 2026 payment rates and wage indices, to model payment under the CY 2025 ASC Payment System<sup>1</sup> and the proposed CY 2026 ASC Payment System.

**Note:** This file should not be used to determine an ASC's Core Based Statistical Area (CBSA), wage index, or enrollment. In this file, CBSA is estimated from mapping the ASC billing zip code to a county and mapping such county to the appropriate CBSA.<sup>1</sup> In rare instances, the zip code-to-county mapping file may map an ASC to a nearby county that is in a different CBSA than the actual county the ASC is located in. Additionally, newly-enrolled ASCs are not captured in this file.

Column	Title	Description
A	Part B MAC Number	Medicare contractor that processes claims for ASC.
B	National Provider Identification (NPI) Number	Supplier identification number. <sup>2</sup>
C	Allowed Services	The total number of services that we estimate a supplier would be allowed to bill for under the CY 2026 ASC Payment System without application of the multiple procedure discount. <sup>3</sup>
D	Proposed CY 2026 ASC Wage Index	Estimated CY 2026 Pre-floor and Pre-reclassification ASC wage index subject to 5% cap assigned by core based statistical area (CBSA).
E	Core Based Statistical Area for Wage Index assignment (CBSA)	Estimated labor market area assignment for purposes of assigning the ASC wage index.
F	Supplier County	Estimated FIPS code county level designation for supplier based on billing ZIP code of facility.
G	State	State abbreviation.
H	Estimated CY 2026 ASC Payments	CY 2026 aggregated payment to supplier. This number is wage adjusted by the proposed CY 2026 wage index to reflect differences in labor market areas. Calculated aggregated payments are represented in whole dollars with no cents.
I	Estimated CY 2025 ASC Payments	CY 2025 aggregated payment to supplier. This number is wage adjusted by the CY 2025 wage index to reflect differences in labor market areas. Calculated aggregated payments are represented in whole dollars with no cents.
J	Region	CMS region of country supplier is located.
K	Part B MAC State	Medicare contractor area/name that processes claims for ASC.
L	Discounted Allowed Services	The discounted number of services that we estimate a supplier would be allowed to bill for under the ASC payment system. <sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> To determine an ASC's CBSA, see the most recent crosswalk, CY 2025 Final ASC Wage Index County to CBSA Crosswalk, available at <https://www.cms.gov/medicare/payment/prospective-payment-systems/ambulatory-surgical-center-asc/asc-regulations-and-notices>.

<sup>2</sup> In our calculation of aggregate payment to suppliers, we revised 2024 HCPCS codes (where appropriate) to their 2026 status and description using internal 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 crosswalk files.

<sup>3</sup> In past files we created the supplier identifier values by concatenating the carrier number and provider identification number variables. This identifier has now been replaced by the NPI number.

<sup>4</sup> Most covered surgical procedures are subject to a 50 percent reduction in the ASC payment for the lower-paying procedure when more than one procedure is performed in a single operative session.

