

Payment Policy

Title	Modifier SG - Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC) facility services		
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Last Approval Date	08/12/24	Original Effective Date	02/16/99
Replaces	N/A		
Cross Reference	<i>Multiple Surgical Reductions</i>		

Coverage of any service is determined by a member's eligibility, benefit limits for the service or services rendered and the application of the Plan's Medical Policy. Final payment is subject to the application of claims adjudication edits common to the industry and the Plan's professional or facility services claims coding policies. Reimbursement is restricted to the provider's scope of practice as well as the fee schedule applicable to that provider.

Purpose	To define when the Plan recognizes ambulatory surgery center (ASC) facility services and claims that are submitted on a CMS 1500 paper claim or 837P electronic claim form.
Scope	Applies to all Premera Blue Cross, Premera Blue Cross Blue Shield of Alaska, LifeWise Health Plan of Washington, LifeWise Assurance Company, and Premera Blue Cross HMO lines of business and products.
Policy	<p>The Plan recognizes ASC services when billed with the following modifier and place of service codes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Modifier SG – Ambulatory surgery center (ASC) facility service</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This is an informational modifier which is appended to any facility service rendered by an ASC to identify it as an ASC service ○ This modifier is appended to an ASC facility service only ○ This modifier is NOT billable on physician or other qualified healthcare professional services • <u>Place of Service Code 24 – Ambulatory Surgery Center</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This Place of Service code is for the submission of any service rendered in an ASC. <p>When multiple surgical procedures rendered in the ASC are billed for the same patient on the same date of service, multiple surgical reduction guidelines may be applied.</p> <p>When billing for ASC facility services on a CMS 1500 paper claim form or an 837P electronic claim form, the ASC's National Provider Identifier (NPI) number should be entered as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CMS-1500 paper claim form: enter the ASC's NPI# into field 24J • 837P electronic claim: enter the ASC's NPI# into loop 2310B or 2420A, NM109 <p>If the ASC's NPI number cannot be entered into either of these fields, the fields should be left blank and NOT filled in with any NPI number.</p>
Violations of Policy	<p>Violations of this policy by any party that enters into a written arrangement with the Plan may result in increased auditing and monitoring, performance guarantee contractual penalties and/or termination of the contract. Disciplinary actions will be appropriate to the seriousness of the violation and shall be determined at Plan's sole discretion.</p> <p>Violations of this policy may be grounds for corrective action, up to and including termination of employment.</p>
Exceptions	None

Laws, Regulations & Standards	None
References	Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS), Level II Procedure Codes

Policy Owner Review	Payment Integrity Oversight Committee	
Contact	Any questions regarding the contents of this policy or its application should be directed to the Payment Integrity Department.	
Annual Review Dates	08/12/24; 11/09/23; 02/08/23; 03/04/22; 04/16/21; 04/30/20; 05/24/19; 07/16/18; 12/04/17; 12/12/16; 01/08/16; 01/11/15; 01/12/14; 01/13/13; 01/26/12; 01/27/11; 03/04/10; 05/11/09; 07/21/08; 06/09/07; 11/24/06; 08/29/05; 10/21/04; 10/11/04; 10/08/04; 11/03/03; 08/13/02	
Version History	07/16/18	Title of Policy modified; Added clarification on what data elements should be submitted to identify ASC facility Services
	05/24/19	Annual review; no changes
	04/30/20	Minor revision to the last paragraph in the Policy section to be more reflective of the edit
	04/16/21	Clarified the Purpose statement to indicate that the policy pertains to Professional services billed on a CMS-1500 or 837P electronic claim forms.
	03/04/22	Clarified the correct use of the Place of Service code 24 and the Modifier SG.
	02/08/23	Changed the title of the policy from “Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC) Facility Services – Modifier SG and Place of Service Code 24” to “Modifier SG – Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC) Facility Services”. Moved the bullet for Modifier SG to the top and then bullet for Place of Service code 24
	11/09/23	Minor clarification to the opening paragraph. Added the last two paragraphs in the Policy to identify how to enter the ASC’s NPI provider identification number on the claim record.
	08/12/24	Annual review; no changes