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MEMORANDUM

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TO: All Hospitals

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SUBJECT: OUTPATIENT SURGICAL BILLING

Revenue codes 360 to 369 and 490 to 499 are reserved only for ambulatory surgical center (ASC) procedures that have been assigned to ASC payment groups by Medicare. The CPT code must be included on the 36x or 49x claim line and must be recognized by Medicare as an ASC procedure for the date of service.

Effective July 1, 2005, non-Medicare ASC procedures billed with revenue codes 36x or 49x will be denied.

Anesthesia for outpatient non-surgical procedures should be billed with revenue codes 370. Recovery room for these outpatient procedures should be billed with Revenue code 710.

Claims for outpatient surgical procedures that are not recognized by Medicare as an ASC service but were provided under general anesthesia and required a recovery room stay may be billed with revenue code 929. Claims billed with revenue code 929 will be reviewed. Appropriate payments will be extended. CPT codes in the range 10000 to 69999 or 92018 must be included on the 929 claim line. Claims billed with revenue code 929 that do not include an appropriate surgical procedure will be denied.

Hospitals can request to have outpatient surgical claims for Medicare recognized ASC procedures that were not paid at an ASC rate, reviewed by ACS. Requests for review may be submitted on Form 239 (Medicaid Correspondence Inquiry Form) to ACS. Outpatient surgical services that were previously denied or approved for payment with a zero allowance may be rebilled to ACS using 929 instead of 36X or 49X. If previously denied, a new claim should be submitted. If previously approved but paid at a zero allowance, an adjustment claim should be submitted.

Should you have questions, please call the ACS Provider Inquiry Unit at 952-5570 or 1-800-235-4378.