

User Notes – Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC) Provider Specific File for the CY 2010 OPPTS/ASC Final Rule

This file contains supplier level payment estimates under the CY 2009 and CY 2010 Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC) payment system. To create this file we used a supplier level dataset of 2008 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. This combination is our best approximation of the unique supplier identifier but is not the National Provider Identifier (NPI). We anticipate some differences in total supplier estimates under NPI enumeration next year when CY 2009 claims become available for rate setting. 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 contains data for ASC services billed in CY 2008, including services that were added under the revised ASC payment system.

We modeled total CY 2009 payments using CY 2009 ASC payment rates, the ASC payment system labor related share of 50 percent and the CY 2009 pre-reclassification wage index values based on CBSAs. We modeled total CY 2010 payments using final CY 2010 ASC payment rates, the labor related share of 50 percent and the final CY 2010 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.