

## **User Notes – Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC) Provider Specific File for the CY 2011 OPPTS/ASC Proposed Rule**

This file contains supplier level payment estimates under the CY 2010 and CY 2011 Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC) payment system. To create this file we used a supplier level dataset of 2009 ASC claims. The suppliers in this file are now identified by their Medicare assigned National Provider Identification (NPI) number in contrast to past files where we identified suppliers using the unique combination of carrier number and provider identification number. 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 2009, including services that were added under the revised ASC payment system.

We modeled total CY 2010 payments using CY 2010 ASC payment rates, the ASC payment system labor related share of 50 percent and the CY 2010 pre-reclassification wage index values based on CBSAs. We modeled total CY 2011 payments using proposed CY 2011 ASC payment rates, the labor related share of 50 percent and the proposed CY 2011 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.