

Affected Programs: BadgerCare Plus, Medicaid

To: Ambulatory Surgery Centers, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

Ambulatory Surgical Center Access Payment Changes for the Remainder of State Fiscal Year 2014

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In addition to the payment change, access payment allocations made to HMOs for ASC services will be withheld for the months of April, May, and June 2014. A portion of the withheld funds may later be paid to the HMOs as part of the state fiscal year 2014 ASC reconciliation that will be conducted after June 2014. This is consistent with the approach used for hospital and critical access hospital access payments.

Both changes address the fact that ASC utilization in state fiscal year 2014 has been significantly higher than was anticipated. Ambulatory Surgical Center access payments occur in compliance with a set annual budget and are only provided until the money budgeted for the state fiscal year has been paid out. Once the budgeted amount has been

paid out, the payments are discontinued until the next state fiscal year.

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