

**Affected Programs:** BadgerCare Plus, Medicaid

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

## **Ambulatory Surgical Center Access Payments Permanently Discontinued**

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services is no longer paying ambulatory surgical center (ASC) access payments for ASC claims received and processed on and after October 1, 2017.

ASC access payments are being permanently discontinued pursuant to a provision in the 2017-19 Wisconsin State Budget (2017 Act 59). This reimbursement change applies to both fee-for-service claims and managed care encounters. In lieu of access payments, 2017 Act 59 provides funding to increase reimbursement rates for ASCs. Additional information regarding how this funding will be allocated will be communicated by ForwardHealth after the reimbursement methodology is finalized.

The *ForwardHealth Update* is the first source of program policy and billing information for providers.

Wisconsin Medicaid, BadgerCare Plus, SeniorCare, and Wisconsin Chronic Disease Program are administered by the Division of Medicaid Services, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS). The Wisconsin AIDS Drug Assistance Program and the Wisconsin Well Woman Program are administered by the Division of Public Health, DHS.

For questions, call Provider Services at 800-947-9627 or visit our website at [www.forwardhealth.wi.gov/](http://www.forwardhealth.wi.gov/).

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