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1. Question: I just want clarification on the non-opioid drug extra payment. That extra payment has been in place for ambulatory surgery centers for several years. So, the proposal really is just to add it to the outpatient hospital setting, or is there a change with the ASC payment other than adding the on-queue device?
  - a. Answer: Just to clarify here, the current non-opioid payment that you described in the ASC setting is authorized by Section 6082 of the Support Act. While similar, for 2025, we are implementing our proposal based on the statutory authority in Section 4135 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act.

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