

Layout for CY 2018 Final Rule Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC) Payment System Supplier Specific File

These supplier level data are abstracted from an internal file used to calculate the budget neutrality adjustments for the final CY 2018 ASC Payment System. This file contains data for ASC services billed in CY 2017 that were eligible to receive payment under the ASC Payment System. We used these CY 2016 claims, along with CY 2017 payment rates and wage indices and final CY 2018 payment rates and wage indices, to model payment under the CY 2017 ASC Payment System¹ and the final CY 2018 ASC Payment System.

| Column | Title | Description |
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| A | Carrier | Medicare contractor that processes claims for ASC. |
| B | National Provider Identification Number | Supplier identification number. ² |
| C | Allowed Services | The total number of services that we estimate a supplier would be allowed to bill for under the CY 2016 ASC Payment System without application of the multiple procedure discount. ³ |
| D | CY 2018 Pre floor and Pre Reclassification Wage Index | CY 2018 Pre-floor and Pre-reclassification wage index assigned by core based statistical area (CBSA). |
| E | Core Based Statistical Area for Wage Index assignment (CBSA) | Labor market area assignment for purposes of assigning the wage index. |
| F | Supplier State | State level SSA designation for supplier based on geographic location of facility. |
| G | Supplier County | County level SSA designation for supplier based on geographic location of facility. |
| H | State Label | State abbreviation. |
| I | Estimated CY 2018 ASC payment | CY 2018 aggregated payment to supplier. This number is wage adjusted by the final CY 2018 wage index to reflect differences in labor market areas. Calculated aggregated payments are represented in whole dollars with no cents. |
| J | Estimated CY 2017 ASC Payment | CY 2017 aggregated payment to supplier. This number is wage adjusted by the CY 2017 wage index to reflect differences in labor market areas. Calculated aggregated payments are represented in whole dollars with no cents. |
| K | Region | CMS region of country supplier is located. |
| L | Carrier Name | Medicare contractor name that processes claims for ASC. |
| M | Discounted allowed Services | The discounted number of services that we estimate a supplier would be allowed to bill for under the ASC payment system. ³ |

¹In our calculation of aggregate payment to suppliers, we revised 2016 HCPCS codes (where appropriate) to their 2018 status and description using internal 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 crosswalk files.

² In past files we created the supplier identifier values by concatenating the carrier number and provider identification number variables. This identifier has now been replaced by the NPI number.

³ Most covered surgical procedures are subject to a 50 percent reduction in the ASC payment for the lower-paying procedure when more than one procedure is performed in a single operative session.