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## Outpatient procedure precertification change

**Summary of change:** Effective April 1, 2017, Amerigroup Community Care will require certain outpatient procedures be provided in the office or in an ambulatory surgery center (ASC) unless precertified at a hospital. Only services not safely or effectively provided at an alternative site will be precertified at the hospital.

Unless there is a medical reason for providing the below listed procedures in a hospital, the services must be performed in the office or at a freestanding ASC.

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| Surgical procedures of the nails                                       | 11719-11765 |
| Introduction or removal procedures on the integumentary system         | 11920-11971 |
| Surgical procedures on the skin  | 10030-10180 |
| Paring or cutting procedures on the skin                               | 11055-10057 |
| Biopsy procedures on the skin  | 11100-11101 |
| Removal of skin tags procedures  | 11200-11201 |
| Shaving of epidermal or dermal lesions procedures                      | 11300-11313 |
| Excision – benign lesions procedures on the skin                       | 11400-11466 |
| Excision – benign lesions procedures on the skin                       | 11450-11471 |
| Excision – malignant lesions procedures on the skin                    | 11600-11646 |
| Introduction or removal/insertion/reinsertion of contraceptive devices | 11976-11983 |
| Removal of impacted cerumen requiring instrumentation, unilateral      | 69210       |
| Vascular embolization & occlusion                                      | 37241-37244 |

### Why is this change necessary?

We are committed to providing quality, accessible health care in the most efficient manner. We believe the appropriate setting for these services is the office or a freestanding ASC.

### How do I obtain precertification?

Providers must call Provider Services at 1-800-454-3730 and provide a medical reason why the member must be referred to a hospital for the procedures listed above.

### What if I need assistance?

For code-specific precertification requirements, please visit <https://providers.amerigroup.com>. Under **Quick Tools**, select **Precertification Lookup Tool**.

If you have questions regarding this communication or received it in error, please call your local Provider Relations representative or Provider Services at 1-800-454-3730.

For the latest list of participating ASCs, visit <https://providers.amerigroup.com/md>. Under **Referral Directories**, select **Maryland Referral Directory** or call Provider Services at 1-800-454-3730 to find the facility most convenient for your patient.

Thank you for the quality care you provide our members.