

Outpatient ophthalmology precertification initiative

Summary of change: In some areas of Maryland, Amerigroup Community Care requires outpatient ophthalmology procedures and surgeries to be provided at an Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC) unless precertified at a hospital. In these areas, only services that cannot be provided safely and effectively at a freestanding ASC will be precertified at the hospital.

What is the impact of this change?

Unless there is a medical reason for providing the outpatient ophthalmology procedures and surgeries listed on the provided code list in a hospital, the services must be performed at a freestanding ASC.

Why is this change necessary?

Providers should review Section 1 of this communication for a list of procedure codes that will require precertification to be performed in a hospital. For code-specific precertification requirements, please refer to <https://providers.amerigroup.com/MD> > Provider Resources & Documents > Quick Tools > select Precertification Lookup Tool.

Providers should review Section 2 for a list of participating ASCs that offer ophthalmology services. Please refer HealthChoice members to these ASCs for ophthalmology procedures.*

This initiative applies to providers in Baltimore City and covers all ophthalmology codes listed on our provider website.

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 and not an ASC for an outpatient ophthalmology procedure.

If you do not have a medical reason to refer the member to a hospital or there are not extenuating considerations that require a member to be treated at a hospital, the member should be referred to a freestanding ASC facility.

What if I have questions?

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

Thank you for the quality care you provide our members.

* Participating provider listings change periodically. For the latest list of participating ASCs offering ophthalmology services, see our provider directory at <https://providers.amerigroup.com/MD> or call Provider Services at 1-800-454-3730 to find the facility most convenient for your patient.

The information in this update may be an update or change to your provider manual. Find the most current manual at:

<https://providers.amerigroup.com>

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Section 1

The following procedure codes will require precertification to be performed in a hospital. Providers must provide a medical reason why the procedure must be performed in a hospital setting.

Procedures performed in association with an ER visit or associated with an outpatient surgery performed at a hospital on the same day will not require precertification.

Procedure codes required for precertification in a hospital

65091	65280	65875	66761	67031	67346	67850	67950	68420
65093	65285	65880	66762	67036	67400	67875	67961	68440
65101	65286	65900	66770	67039	67405	67880	67966	68500
65103	65290	65920	66820	67040	67412	67882	67971	68505
65105	65400	65930	66821	67041	67413	67900	67973	68510
65110	65410	66020	66825	67042	67414	67901	67974	68520
65112	65420	66030	66830	67110	67415	67902	67975	68525
65114	65426	66130	66840	67120	67500	67903	68020	68530
65125	65430	65150	66850	67121	67505	67904	68040	68540
65130	65435	65155	66852	67208	67515	67906	68100	68550
65135	65436	66160	66920	67210	67550	67908	68110	68700
65140	65450	66170	66930	67218	67560	67909	68115	68705
65150	65600	66172	66940	67220	67700	67911	68130	68720
65155	65780	66180	66982	67221	67710	67912	68135	68745
65175	65781	66185	66983	67227	67715	67914	68200	68750
65205	65782	66220	66984	67228	67800	67915	68320	68760
65210	65800	66225	66985	67250	67801	67916	68325	68761
65220	65810	66250	66986	67255	67805	67917	68326	68770
65222	65815	66680	67005	67311	67808	67921	68328	68801
65235	65820	66682	67010	67312	67810	67922	68330	68810
65260	65850	66700	67015	67314	67820	67923	68335	68815
65265	65855	66710	67025	67316	67825	67924	68340	68816
65270	65860	66711	67027	67318	67830	67930	68360	68840
65272	65865	66720	67028	67343	67835	67935	68362	68850
65275	65870	66740	67030	67345	67840	67938	68400	G0186

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Section 2

Participating ASCs and providers

Baltimore City	
Baltimore Eye Surgical Center 6231 N. Charles St. Baltimore, MD 21212 410-377-5821	
Baltimore County	
Eye Surgery Center of White Marsh 9512 Harford Road, Suite 5 Baltimore, MD 21234 410-663-4466	Dulaney Eye Institute 901 Dulaney Valley Road, Suite 220 Towson, MD 21204 410-583-1000
Northern Baltimore Surgery Center 110 W. Road, Suite 229 Towson, MD 21204 410-825-3131	Maryland Aesthetic and Reconstruction Ambulatory 8415 Bellona Lane, Suite 212 Towson, MD 21204 410-825-4022
Timonium Surgery Center 1954 Greenspring Drive, Suite LL18 Lutherville, MD 21093 410-560-3301	The Surgicenter of Baltimore 23 Crossroads Drive, Suite 100 Owings Mills, MD 21117 410-356-0300
Howard County	
Columbia Surgical Institute 6020 Meadowridge Center Drive Elkridge, MD 21075 443-275-7800	