

Provider Update

Procedures in ambulatory surgery centers

Summary: Procedures rendered in hospitals must be precertified by Amerigroup Community Care and meet medical necessity criteria. A site-of-service review is also conducted to ensure that medically necessary care is being rendered in the most efficient setting.

★ **What this means to you:** Providers can find the most current listing of Amerigroup participating specialists and ambulatory surgical centers (ASCs) on the Amerigroup website at providers.amerigroup.com/MD. Amerigroup medical policies and clinical guidelines can be found at providers.amerigroup.com/medicalpolicies.

What is the impact of this change?

Amerigroup is committed to ensuring that members receive high quality care in the most efficient setting. Because of that, Amerigroup regularly reviews care for medical necessity and site-of-service. Unless it is medically necessary for care to be provided in a hospital setting, Amerigroup will redirect certain procedures such as gastroenterology, urology, ophthalmology and podiatry to participating ASCs.

What if I need assistance?

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