

## **Implementation of the new *Amerigroup Community Care Ambulatory Surgery Center Reimbursement Methodology***

**Summary of change:** Effective January 1, 2019, Amerigroup will fully implement a new *Amerigroup Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC) Reimbursement Methodology*. The new *ASC Reimbursement Methodology* will include a fixed *CMS ASC* payment rate based on *CMS CY18*, which is equivalent to the *CMS ASC* October 2018 payment rate.

### **Why is this change necessary?**

Currently, Amerigroup uses a floating fee schedule tied to *CMS*, which requires change to ensure full compliance with the *Division of TennCare (TennCare) Contractor Risk Agreement (CRA)*. *Section 2.13.2.2 of the TennCare CRA* prohibits *TennCare* managed care organizations from reimbursing providers based on automatic escalators or linkages to other methodologies that escalate, (such as current *Medicare* rates or inflation indexes) unless otherwise allowed by *TennCare*.

The new *Amerigroup ASC Reimbursement Methodology* is compliant with the *TennCare CRA*.

Providers can review the *CRA* in its entirety by visiting the *TennCare* website at <https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/tenncare/documents/MCOStatewideContract.pdf>.

Participating facility providers will receive an *Amendment by Notification* as applicable along with a cover letter setting out additional information regarding the new *Facility Reimbursement Methodology* within the next 60 days. *Section 8.1* of the provider agreement permits amendment for this purpose.

### **Additional information**

#### **How will this impact the way I am currently being paid?**

This change will not cause any material change in your reimbursement.

#### **How will this impact the way I submit claims?**

There will be no impact or change in the way you submit claims

#### **What if I need assistance?**

If you have questions, contact your local *Provider Relations* representative or call *Provider Services* at 1-800-454-3730.