

Ambulatory Surgical Centers

The Office of the Inspector General has advised the Health Plan that some freestanding ambulatory surgical center clinics are charging excessive rates, are not accredited and are sometimes involved in fraudulent activities. These ambulatory surgical center clinics are not part of the Health Plan's Preferred Provider Organization (PPO) networks and are not associated with a hospital. If your doctor recommends outpatient surgery, we suggest that you go to a PPO facility or the outpatient surgical center of your local hospital. By using a PPO facility, you are guaranteed discounted rates and the Health Plan pays a higher percentage of the cost.