

## **NSAS Documentation Notice for HIPAA Accounting**

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This hospital or freestanding ambulatory surgery center participates in the National Survey of Ambulatory Surgery (described below). Information was disclosed for more than 50 individuals; therefore, the facility is not required to account for disclosures of information about any particular individual. Protected health information of any particular individual may or may not have been disclosed for this research activity.

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**Purpose:** CDC's National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) is charged with measuring the amount and nature of health services provided in the United States. As part of this mission, NCHS conducts the National Survey of Ambulatory Surgery (NSAS). The study collects information about ambulatory surgical care that is provided by hospitals and freestanding ambulatory surgery centers. The resulting published statistics will provide a wealth of data on the characteristics of users of ambulatory surgery in hospitals and freestanding ambulatory surgery centers. These data can be used to monitor the effects of change in the health care system, provide new insights into ambulatory surgery care, and stimulate further research on the use, organization, and delivery of ambulatory surgery procedures.

**Description:** This document provides documentation that information from a sample of ambulatory surgery visits was used for the NSAS. Information pulled may have included patient characteristics (e.g., residential ZIP Code and birth date), information about this ambulatory surgery visit (e.g., date of surgery and type of anesthesia), and various medical data (e.g., final diagnoses and procedures). No directly identifiable information was removed from the records during data collection. The information collected will be used to generate statistical summaries.