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# PROGRAM MEMORANDUM INTERMEDIARIES/CARRIERS

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**CHANGEREQUEST 1145**

**SUBJECT: Update of Rates for Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC) Payments--ACTION**

As a result of the American Medical Association's (AMA) January 1, 2000 update for the Current Physician's Terminology (CPT) book, some codes on the ASC list have been deleted. Because we recognize that some carriers and intermediaries have begun denying payment for the deleted codes, we are now adding these replacement codes to the ASC list for services furnished on or after January 1, 2000.

Deleted Code	Replaced Code	Pymt Group	Pymt Rate	Deleted Code	Replaced Code	Pymt Group	Pymt Rate
56300	49320	3	\$486	56352	58559	2	\$425
56301	58670	3	\$486	56354	58561	3	\$486
56302	58671	3	\$486	56356	58563	4	\$600
56303	58662	5	\$683	56362	47560	3	\$486
56304	58660	5	\$683	56363	47561	3	\$486
56305	49321	4	\$600	62274	62310, 62311	1	\$317
56306	49322	4	\$600	62275	62310	1	\$317
56307	58661	5	\$683	62276	62318, 62319	1	\$317
56309	58551	5	\$683	62277	62318, 62319	1	\$317
56316	49650	4	\$600	62278	62311	1	\$317
56317	49651	7	\$949	62279	62319	1	\$317
56343	58673	5	\$683	62288	62310, 62311	1	\$317
56344	58672	5	\$683	62289	62311	1	\$317
56350	58555	1	\$317	64442	64475	1	\$317
56351	58558	3	\$486	64443	64476	1	\$317

Also, with this memorandum we are adding to the ASC list, CPT code 36833 (payment group 4) effective January 1, 2000. This addition is the result of a code already on the ASC list (36832) whose description was split by the AMA in the 1999 CPT book. CPT codes 15580 and 15625 are deleted from the ASC list and are not being replaced due to the revised CPT code descriptions.

This addendum to the ASC approved procedures list will continue to be covered until HCFA issues revised instructions.

Type of service (TOS) 'F' (ASC Facility Usage for Surgical Services) should be utilized when modifier SG appears on an ASC claim, otherwise use TOS '2' (surgery) for professional services rendered in an ASC.

**The above information should be published in your next scheduled bulletin.**

**The effective date of this Program Memorandum (PM) is January 1, 2000.**

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**The implementation date of this PM is May 29, 2000 for carriers and no later than October 1, 2000 for intermediaries. Carriers and intermediaries are instructed to apply this policy to claims with a date of service on or after January 1, 2000. Carriers and intermediaries are to hold claims for these procedures until the systems changes can be implemented. Contractors are to re-open denied claims when brought to your attention.**

**These instructions should be implemented within your current operating budget.**

**This PM may be discarded after December 31, 2000.**

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