

Ambulatory Surgery Center Payment System, Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System and Physician Fee Schedule

Medicare has made some significant changes to the Ambulatory Surgery Center payment system (ASC) [Table 1], Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) [Table 2] and Physician Fee Schedule (PFS) for 2017. In the charts below, we have identified some of the most significant changes. We have chosen to focus on changes greater than or equal to \$100 for ASC and OPPS from 2016 to 2017. There were no changes to the PFS that met this criterion. If you have questions about specific information in this document, or perhaps something you do not see in this document, please do not hesitate to contact our reimbursement team at 800.468.1379 or reimbursement@cookmedical.com.

Table 1: Changes in Ambulatory Surgery Center Reimbursement for Procedures of Interest				
CPT Code	Procedural Description	2017 Ambulatory Surgery Center Fee Schedule	2016 Ambulatory Surgery Center Fee Schedule	Payment Difference
43195	Esophagoscopy, rigid, transoral; with balloon dilation (less than 30 mm diameter)	\$1,134.02	\$608.39	\$525.63

NOTE: This is not an all-inclusive list of procedural code changes.

Table 2: Changes in Hospital Outpatient Reimbursement for Procedures of Interest				
CPT Code	Procedural Description	2017 Hospital Outpatient Payment	2016 Hospital Outpatient Payment	Payment Difference
30630	Repair nasal septal perforations	\$2,172.76	\$1,616.90	\$555.86
43195	Esophagoscopy, rigid, transoral; with balloon dilation (less than 30 mm diameter)	\$2,509.64	\$1,088.00	\$1,421.64
43213	Esophagoscopy, flexible, transoral; with dilation of esophagus, by balloon or dilator, retrograde (includes fluoroscopic guidance, when performed)	\$1,334.27	\$1,088.00	\$246.27
43220	Esophagoscopy, flexible, transoral; with transendoscopic balloon dilation (less than 30 mm diameter)	\$1,334.27	\$1,088.00	\$246.27
43249	Esophagogastroduodenoscopy, flexible, transoral; with transendoscopic balloon dilation of esophagus (less than 30 mm diameter)	\$1,334.27	\$1,088.00	\$246.27
69620	Myringoplasty (surgery confined to drumhead and donor area)	\$2,172.76	\$1,616.90	\$555.86
69631	Tympanoplasty without mastoidectomy (including canalplasty, atticotomy and/or middle ear surgery), initial or revision; without ossicular chain reconstruction	\$4,129.20	\$3,955.98	\$173.22
69632	Tympanoplasty without mastoidectomy (including canalplasty, atticotomy and/or middle ear surgery), initial or revision; with ossicular chain reconstruction (eg, postfenestration)	\$4,129.20	\$3,955.98	\$173.22
69633	Tympanoplasty without mastoidectomy (including canalplasty, atticotomy and/or middle ear surgery), initial or revision; with ossicular chain reconstruction and synthetic prosthesis (eg, partial ossicular replacement prosthesis [PORP], total ossicular replacement prosthesis [TORP])	\$4,129.20	\$3,955.98	\$173.22
69635	Tympanoplasty with antrotomy or mastoidotomy (including canalplasty, atticotomy, middle ear surgery, and/or tympanic membrane repair); without ossicular chain reconstruction	\$4,129.20	\$3,955.98	\$173.22
69636	Tympanoplasty with antrotomy or mastoidotomy (including canalplasty, atticotomy, middle ear surgery, and/or tympanic membrane repair); with ossicular chain reconstruction	\$4,129.20	\$3,955.98	\$173.22
69637	Tympanoplasty with antrotomy or mastoidotomy (including canalplasty, atticotomy, middle ear surgery, and/or tympanic membrane repair); with ossicular chain reconstruction and synthetic prosthesis (eg, partial ossicular replacement prosthesis [PORP], total ossicular replacement prosthesis [TORP])	\$4,129.20	\$3,955.98	\$173.22
69641	Tympanoplasty with mastoidectomy (including canalplasty, middle ear surgery, tympanic membrane repair); without ossicular chain reconstruction	\$4,129.20	\$3,955.98	\$173.22

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Table 2: Changes in Hospital Outpatient Reimbursement for Procedures of Interest (Continued)

CPT Code	Procedural Description	2017 Hospital Outpatient Payment	2016 Hospital Outpatient Payment	Payment Difference
69642	Tympanoplasty with mastoidectomy (including canalplasty, middle ear surgery, tympanic membrane repair); with ossicular chain reconstruction	\$4,129.20	\$3,955.98	\$173.22
69643	Tympanoplasty with mastoidectomy (including canalplasty, middle ear surgery, tympanic membrane repair); with intact or reconstructed wall, without ossicular chain reconstruction	\$4,129.20	\$3,955.98	\$173.22
69644	Tympanoplasty with mastoidectomy (including canalplasty, middle ear surgery, tympanic membrane repair); with intact or reconstructed wall, with ossicular chain reconstruction	\$4,129.20	\$3,955.98	\$173.22
69645	Tympanoplasty with mastoidectomy (including canalplasty, middle ear surgery, tympanic membrane repair); radical or complete, without ossicular chain reconstruction	\$4,129.20	\$3,955.98	\$173.22
69646	Tympanoplasty with mastoidectomy (including canalplasty, middle ear surgery, tympanic membrane repair); radical or complete, with ossicular chain reconstruction	\$4,129.20	\$3,955.98	\$173.22

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