



**Memo No. 1-09**

**TO:** Select Independence Blue Cross participating ambulatory surgical centers in Pennsylvania and Delaware

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**DATE:** January 7, 2009

**SUBJECT:** ASC fee schedule changes

In accordance with your provider agreement, we are sending this bulletin to inform you of changes to the Ambulatory Surgical Center Surgery Fee Schedule, which is included in the attached file. Changes include the following:

- Additions effective January 1, 2009:
  - 163 new CPT<sup>®</sup>/HCPCS codes were added.
- Deletions effective December 31, 2008:
  - 27 CPT/HCPCS codes that were no longer valid were deleted.
- Revisions effective February 1, 2009:
  - Payment rates for six CPT/HCPCS codes were revised.
  - 27 CPT/HCPCS codes were deemed experimental/investigational according to our medical claim payment policy, and those payment rates were deleted.

If you have any questions regarding this bulletin, please contact your Network Coordinator.

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**We encourage you to share this information with appropriate members of your staff.**

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