



**Note: Bulletin 05-09 was originally sent on June 1, 2009. This revision replaces that original bulletin.**

**Bulletin No. 05-09**

**TO:** Select Independence Blue Cross participating ambulatory surgical centers

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**DATE:** June 19, 2009

**SUBJECT:** ASC fee schedule changes (revision to June 1, 2009, bulletin)

We are resending this bulletin to inform you of changes to the Ambulatory Surgical Center Surgery Fee Schedule effective July 1, 2009. The fee schedule that was attached to the June 1, 2009, bulletin contained incorrect rates for previously priced codes. The revised fee schedule is attached for your reference and replaces the original one sent on June 1, 2009.

The changes announced June 1, 2009, were:

- Additions:
  - Nine codes were added to the fee schedule.
- Updates:
  - Nineteen CPT<sup>®</sup>/HCPCS codes were deemed either experimental/investigational or not separately payable, according to our medical claim payment policy.
  - Eighteen CPT/HCPCS codes were changed to require more specific codes when those services are billed.

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

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