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Andy Slavitt, Acting Administrator

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

Department of Health and Human Services

Attention: CMS-1656-P

Room 445-G

Hubert H. Humphrey Building

200 Independence Avenue, SW

Washington, DC 20201

*Via online submission at* [*www.regulations.gov*](http://www.regulations.gov)

**Re: CMS-1656-P – Medicare Program; Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment and Ambulatory Surgical Center Payment Systems and Quality Reporting Programs; etc.**

Dear Acting Administrator Slavitt:

I am [insert job/role] in the state of [ ]. My practice focuses on [ ] and Medicare beneficiaries constitute approximately [ ] % of my clinical and surgical practice. I am writing in support of expanding the CMS list of outpatient procedures permitted in an ambulatory surgical center.

[List the procedures you would like to see added. Describe your personal experience with these procedures including volume of cases and any outcomes data you may have. If there are clinically-similar codes that are already payable by Medicare in the ASC setting, please include this information.]

I believe that in appropriately equipped and certified ambulatory surgery centers, these procedures can be safely and effectively performed on an outpatient basis. The ability to perform surgical procedures on an outpatient basis is associated with high levels of patient satisfaction, improved efficiency, and lower cost to both the insurer and the patient.

As a [physician, surgeon, healthcare provider] and tax payer, I strongly support the addition of these codes and believe we need to work together to find cost effective solutions that enable Medicare beneficiaries to receive timely and appropriate care in a safe, convenient and personalized setting.

Sincerely,

[Name, Qualifications, Address]