

411 Medicare-Certified ASCs in Florida

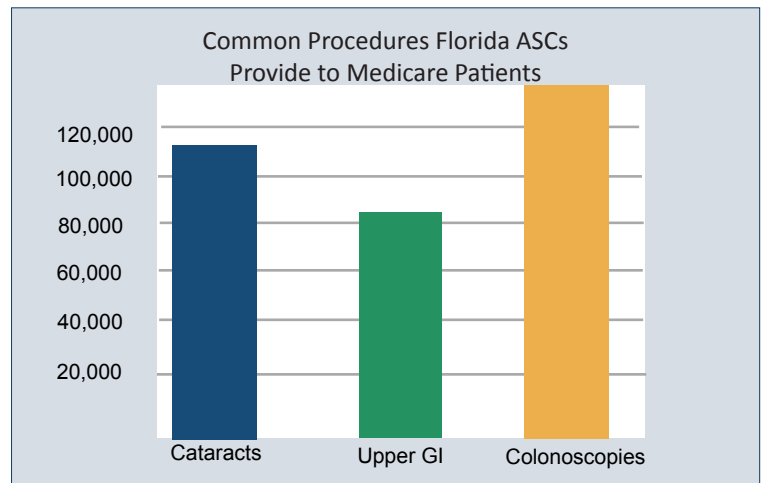
Ambulatory Surgery Centers (ASCs) provide essential surgical services to Medicare beneficiaries. Some of the most frequently performed services in ASCs are cataract surgeries, colonoscopies, endoscopies and orthopedic procedures.

ASCs Save Medicare Money

- ▶ Nationally, ASCs save Medicare \$2.6 billion each year by providing the same care that hospitals provide but in a lower cost setting.
- ▶ Medicare would save an additional \$24 billion over 10 years if just half of the eligible procedures moved from Hospital Outpatient Departments (HOPDs) to ASCs.

ASCs Saved Florida Money in 2014

- ▶ Medicare saved more than \$84 million on cataract procedures because its beneficiaries elected to have those procedures performed in Florida ASCs.
- ▶ Florida patients saved more than \$23.4 million by having their upper GI procedures in an ASC.
- ▶ Medicare saved an additional \$42.6 million on colonoscopies because they were performed in Florida ASCs.



Closing the Gap in Medicare Reimbursement Rates

- ▶ Closing the gap in HOPD and ASC reimbursement rates would help to move volume out of the higher-priced HOPDs and into cost-effective ASCs.
- ▶ In 2014, ASCs were paid only 55% of what HOPDs were paid for performing the same procedures. If this disparity continues to grow, the fundamental financial viability of ASCs as a health provider we be at risk.
- ▶ Medicare's current payment structure gives ASCs less ability than other providers to keep up with the rising costs in health care.