

**To:** AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana Providers

**Date:** March 24, 2021

**Subject:** Outpatient Charges on Same date as Ambulatory Surgery Care

**Summary:** Reimbursement of outpatient charges performed on the same date by the same hospital will not be reimbursed when an ambulatory surgery has been performed.

Hospitals must bill all outpatient surgery charges for the specified surgeries using revenue code “0490” – Ambulatory Surgery Care. All associated charges of the surgery, i.e., observation, labs, radiology, must be billed on the same claim form as the ambulatory surgery charges. Only revenue code 0490 is available for reimbursement and is paid per the flat rate fee for the ambulatory surgery code.

The most appropriate CPT/HCPCS code for the surgical procedure must be entered in Form Locator 44 on the UB-04 claim form. Only one CPT/HCPCS code may be entered in the field. A list of the surgical procedures is provided on the Louisiana Medicaid website. Please review the [Ambulatory Surgery Fee Schedule](#) for payment rates and approved CPT/HCPCS codes appropriate for your dates of service.

When more than one surgical procedure is performed on the same date of service, only the primary surgical procedure will be paid. The CPT/HCPCS code for the primary surgical procedure must be entered in Form Locator 44 on the UB-04 form.

AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana will not reimburse outpatient charges performed on the same date by the same hospital when an ambulatory surgery has been performed.

**Questions:** Thank you for your continued support and commitment to the care of our members. If you have questions about this communication, please contact AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana Provider Services at 1-888-922-0007 or your [Provider Network Management Account Executive](#).

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