



## Value-Based Purchasing Benefit Change

We continually evaluate ways to keep the cost of health benefits affordable without impacting access to high quality and safe care.

Multiple studies indicate that when it comes to healthcare, cost does not correlate to quality. Common procedures can be several times more expensive at one site compared to another without any evidence of better quality or safety.

In our quest to keep the cost of health benefits affordable and enhance the value of care, effective October 1, 2018 we will be introducing reference pricing for five common procedures that can be performed safely at an **Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC)** at costs significantly lower than at a hospital.

|  | Arthroscopy  | Cataract Surgery | Colonoscopy | Upper GI Endoscopy with Biopsy | Upper GI Endoscopy without Biopsy |
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| Maximum benefit at an in-network outpatient hospital facility      | \$4,500  | \$2,000          | \$1,500     | \$1,250                        | \$1,000                           |
| There is no limit at an in-network Ambulatory Service Center (ASC) | There is no benefit change at an ASC.<br>The limits at an outpatient hospital facility do not apply at an ASC. |                  |             |                                |                                   |

Here's how it works:

- ✓ In-network ASC – pay regular deductible and co-insurance – ***no benefit change!***
- ✓ In-network Hospital outpatient facility - pay regular deductible and co-insurance **PLUS amounts that exceed the reference price.**

Benefits of an ASC:

- ❖ ASCs use the same equipment, medications and supplies as hospital surgical suites.
- ❖ The average facility fees at ASCs are substantially lower than at hospitals.
- ❖ ASCs tend to be more specialized and with less exposure to a wide range of infections.
- ❖ ASCs tend to be high-volume facilities. High-volume facilities are typically associated with having good outcomes.
- ❖ ASCs have established track records of providing quality outcomes that are at least as good as or better than hospitals.

Provisions for exceptions to use an in-network hospital:

- If the physician provides clinical justification for using a hospital.

- If member lives more than 30 miles from an ASC
- If a procedure cannot be scheduled in a medically appropriate timely manner due to available ASCs not having capacity.
- Emergencies

Communications from SISC regarding this benefit will be sent directly to members before school gets out and again after school starts in the fall.

Members should contact Anthem at 800-825-5541 with questions.

### **Instructions to find a Surgery Center near you:**

Log into your account on anthem.com, choose “Find A Doctor” from the right hand side of the screen, choose “Hospitals and Facilities” under I’m looking for a:, choose “Surgical Centers” under Who specializes in:, then choose your zip code and choose Search.

Ambulatory Surgery Centers (ASC) within 100 miles of Redding, CA.

Before scheduling any services at any facility below confirm with the provider or Anthem that this facility is a current participant.

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| Riverside Surgery Center                     | 2801 Park Marina Dr.<br>Redding, CA 96001       | 530-244-2273 |
| Shasta Eye Surgery                           | 950 Butte St.<br>Redding, CA 96001              | 530-223-2500 |
| Advanced Eye Surgery Center                  | 627 W East Ave.<br>Chico, CA 95926              | 530-342-1800 |
| Eye Life Institute                           | 6283 Clark Rd. Ste 10<br>Paradise, CA 95969     | 530-877-2020 |
| Court Street Surgery Center                  | 2184 Court St.<br>Redding, CA 96001             | 530-246-4444 |
| Redding Surgery Center                       | 2439 Sonoma St.<br>Redding, CA 96001            | 530-241-1303 |
| Northstate Plastic Surgery Center            | 1260 East Ave. Ste. 100<br>Chico, CA 95926      | 530-345-5702 |
| Lassen Surgery Center                        | 103 Fair Dr.<br>Susanville, CA 96130            | 530-257-7773 |
| Redding Endoscopy Center                     | 2179 Rosaline Ave.<br>Redding, CA 96001         | 530-246-7000 |
| Apogee Surgery Center                        | 1238 West St.<br>Redding, CA 96001              | 530-241-5499 |
| North Valley Endoscopy Center                | 888 Lakeside Village Commons<br>Chico, CA 95928 | 530-894-9050 |
| Humboldt Physicians Surgery and Laser Center | 3226 Timber Fall Ct.<br>Eureka, CA 95503        | 707-443-9777 |
| Mercy Surgery Center                         | 2175 Rosaline Ave. Ste A<br>Redding, CA 96001   | 530-225-7400 |
| Chico Surgery Center                         | 615 W East Ave.<br>Chico, CA 95926              | 530-895-1800 |
| Skyway Surgery Center                        | 121 Raley Blvd.<br>Chico, CA 95928              | 530-230-2000 |