



## 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
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. 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.

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