

Outpatient Hospital Ambulatory Surgery

The MCO shall cover certain ambulatory surgical procedures if they are performed in the outpatient hospital setting. The MCO shall reimburse hospitals for the performance of these outpatient surgical procedures on a flat-fee per service basis.

The MCO shall require hospitals to bill all outpatient surgery charges for the specified surgeries using revenue code “490” — Ambulatory Surgery Care. All other charges associated with the surgery (e.g., observation, labs, radiology) must be billed on the same claim as the ambulatory surgery charges. The only revenue code that will be paid will be the flat rate fee for the ambulatory surgery. The minimum reimbursement rate for groupings can be found on the Louisiana Medicaid Outpatient Hospital Ambulatory Surgery Fee Schedules. A list of the surgical procedures is also provided on the fee schedule.

~~For minor surgeries that are medically necessary to be performed in the hospital operating room but the associated CPT code is not included in the Louisiana Medicaid Outpatient Hospital Ambulatory Surgery Fee Schedules, the MCO shall require hospitals to bill using revenue code HR361 — Operating Room Services Minor Surgery.~~

When more than one surgical procedure is performed on the same date of service, the MCO shall pay only the primary surgical procedure.