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## Ambulatory Surgical Center Services

### Phoenix Health Plan (PHP) and Abrazo Advantage Health Plan (AAHP) Providers,

Over the next few months, PHP and AAHP will be implementing a process that requires specific procedures be performed in an Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC) or office setting.

PHP and AAHP are implementing this process as a result of a directive from the AHCCCS Administration. All AHCCCS plans are to ensure that medically appropriate services are performed in the most cost effective setting. PHP's and AAHP's new process is aligned with this goal.

PHP and AAHP have been gathering information from our network providers and analyzing claims data to ensure an efficient transition. Over the next two months additional information, including details about our expanded ASC network, targeted procedures and changes to the prior authorization process, will be provided and a representative from the health plan may meet with your practice to review this new process if needed.

Until this process is fully implemented, our intent is that you will begin scheduling and performing all medically appropriate outpatient procedures at a contracted ASC or office setting as soon as possible.

A list of PHP's and AAHP's contracted ASCs can be found at:

[www.PhoenixHealthPlan.com](http://www.PhoenixHealthPlan.com)

and

[www.AbrazoAdvantage.com](http://www.AbrazoAdvantage.com)

Please direct your questions to your assigned Provider Relations Representative or Area Market Manager.

Thank you in advance for your efforts to assist us in keeping the AHCCCS Medicaid program viable.

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