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**TO:** Ambulatory Surgical Centers - **For Action**  
Dental Providers - **For Information Only**

**SUBJECT:** Reimbursement to Ambulatory Surgical Centers (ASC)

**EFFECTIVE:** Immediately

**PURPOSE:** To notify providers that the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services (**DMAHS**) adopted two CPT codes to be used for each single date that a dental provider renders care in an Ambulatory Surgical Center (**ASC**) (see Newsletter volume 14 No. 52).

**BACKGROUND:** This provision allows an ASC to request reimbursement when dental services are provided to NJ FamilyCare/Medicaid beneficiaries with special health care needs resulting in a need for general anesthesia in order to receive dental services.

**ACTION:** When dental services are provided at these facilities, reimbursement is provided as follows:

**CPT Code 41899-52** - is billed when either one or all of the following services is provided under general anesthesia: oral evaluation and examinations, prophylaxis and/or fluoride treatments. These represent diagnostic and preventive dental services provided by the dentists. The reimbursement for this code is **\$195.00 (ASC level 1)**.

**CPT Code 41899** - is billed when all other dental services are provided or when diagnostic and/or preventive services are provided along with other dental services. A maximum of two units per date of service will be considered with the second unit paying 50% of the first unit. The reimbursement for this code is **\$261.00 (ASC level 2)**.

In general, surgery is limited to 90 minutes with maximum recovery times of 4 hours. In an ASC, the dentist must bill separately for the services provided during anesthesia and the anesthesia must be administered by an anesthesiologist, who, if applicable, must also bill for services provided.

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