

ASC Covered Surgical Procedures nomination process¹

In the CMS 2022 OPPS final ruling, CMS reinstated several procedures that were previously added to the ASC Covered Surgical Procedures List (CPL) in CY 2021 and announced they would no longer be phasing out the inpatient only list by 2023, as previously communicated. CMS has, however, finalized a proposal to adopt a nomination process, under which stakeholders may nominate procedures they believe meet the requirements to be added to the ASC CPL. Procedure nominations are due to CMS in March 2022, with the formal process beginning in CY 2023.

Covered surgical procedures that can be added to the ASC CPL are those procedures that are specified by the Secretary that meet the following general standards:

1. The procedure is separately paid under the OPPS;
2. The procedure is not expected to pose a significant safety risk to a Medicare beneficiary when performed in an ASC; and
3. Standard medical practice dictates that the beneficiary would not typically be expected to require active medical monitoring and care at midnight following the procedure.

Additional guidance on the nomination process, along with a complete list of procedures nominated for the ASC CPL will be available at [cms.gov](https://www.cms.gov) under the [ASC Payment page](#).

If there are any questions, concerns, suggestions, or inquiries regarding the ASC CPL, please consider contacting CMS by email at ASCPPS@cms.hhs.gov.

As a reminder, the 6 procedures added to the ASC CPL effective January 1, 2022:

HCPCS code	Long descriptor
0499T	Cystourethroscopy, with mechanical dilation and urethral therapeutic drug delivery for urethral stricture or stenosis, including fluoroscopy, when performed
54650	Orchiopexy, abdominal approach, for intra-abdominal testis (e.g., fowlerstephens)
27412	Autologous chondrocyte implantation, knee
60512	Parathyroid autotransplantation (list separately in addition to code for primary procedure)
69660	Stapedectomy or stapedotomy with reestablishment of ossicular continuity, with or without use of foreign material
28005	Incision, bone cortex (e.g., osteomyelitis or bone abscess), foot

For a list of procedures removed from the ASC CPL for CY 2022 click [here](#).

¹Source: <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/ASCPayment>
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