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January 15, 2019

Membership Meeting

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SCASCA Joint Conference
February 14-15, 2019

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Federal Update: ASC Updates Moved to Hospital Market Basket

In a welcome and sweeping reform of past policy, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) have finalized the 2019 ASC payment rule, moving ASCs to the hospital market basket inflation update. This establishes update parity between ASC and HOPD systems marking an end of the old policy that was leading to an ever-widening differential in the reimbursement of ASCs vs. HOPD.

[Click here to read full article.](#)

Updated CMS Quality Reporting Programs for ASCs

By Sandra Jones, Ambulatory Strategies Inc.
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Question:

Keeping up with the quality reporting required by CMS is very difficult. Data collection and reporting are cumbersome. Can we expect

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Renew your SCASCA Membership for 2019!

Here are just a few of the many accomplishments from this year:

- Defeated attempts to impose a state-wide EMR reporting requirement on ASCs
- Participated in the legislative session to avoid harmful actions against ASCs
- Started a state political action committee to raise awareness of ASCs with legislators

Invoices have been e-mailed and mailed, so be sure to renew your membership. If you need assistance paying your invoice, e-mail Allyson Williams at Allyson@ascmember.org.

Congratulations to Lexington Medical Center - Irmo on their latest award!

any changes?

Answer: Yes, changes are on the way. CMS released its 2019 Final Rule on the Payment Systems and Quality Reporting Program. CMS has established factors, such as low variance of data or high performance, to determine removal of measures from the program. This is what CMS calls “topped-out” measures. There are other factors CMS will consider in selecting a measure, such as whether the measure is applicable across different settings. For example, a measure applicable in hospital outpatient departments and outpatient surgery centers may be one CMS keeps or will consider adding.

[Click here to read Sandra's full article.](#)

Membership Meeting Dates Set

We are very excited to announce that we have a new location this year. SCASCA members will meet at the Lexington Surgery Center-Irmo in Columbia. They have generously reserved their conference space for us. This will give members more time to network and listen more effectively to our guest speakers.

Mark your calendars now for these dates:

Tuesday, January 15, 2019

Tuesday, April 9, 2019

Tuesday, October 8, 2019

The August meeting will be held in Savannah as part of the GSASC/SCASCA Joint Conference August 15-16 at the DeSoto Savannah.

Joint Conference Set for



The team received the Guardian of Excellence Award from Press Ganey, honoring them as one of the best in the nation for patient experience.

SCASCA Forum

Looking for answers?
Check out the
[SCASCA Member Forum](#)
on the [SCASCA.org](#) website!

Members can access this forum by using their email address for the username and the password you created.

Forgot your password? [Click here to reset your password.](#)

Email allyson@ascmember.org for help with the website.

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Are we up-to-date?

February

Join SCASCA for our joint semi-annual conference with the Georgia Society of Ambulatory Surgery Centers (GSASC) February 14th and 15th at the Westin Atlanta Perimeter North. This conference has been planned with the ASC professional in mind, featuring an excellent array of speakers and timely topics. Attendees will also have time to network with other ASC professionals, meet up with old friends, and discover all the exhibitors in the tradeshow.

To make your reservations, call (888) 627-8407 and let the hotel know that you are with the GSASC/SCASCA conference to receive the special room rate of \$165/night. The cut-off date to receive this special rate is January 20th.

Registration details, including the agenda, will be provided soon! Stay tuned or visit our website at [scasca.org](#).

Infection Prevention Training at the Joint Conference

With the increased emphasis on infection prevention practices and policies, SCASCA is continuing to offer infection prevention training prior to the start of the Joint Semi-Annual Conference and Trade Show in Atlanta. Topics will include most cited infection control issues on survey and chemical sterilization and high level disinfection.

SCASCA understands your center's need and the need to show compliance with regulatory requirements. Registration for this training is separate. You may register for the infection prevention training separately or add it to your conference registration. All participants will receive a certificate clearly identifying the infection control education for your records.

Keep your membership information up-to-date by logging in to scasca.org where you can update any staff changes. You may also email any changes to Allyson Williams at Allyson@ascmember.org.

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Benchmarking Coming in 2019

At the fall meeting, SCASCA members decided to work on a benchmarking effort in 2019. SCASCA is forming a committee of members to work on developing a quarterly survey on different benchmarking areas of interest. Once the surveys are complete, SCASCA will send the report back out to members to use.

Want to take part in this effort? Email Meghan Millard at Meghan@ascmember.org to be added to the committee. Once the first survey is ready in the first quarter of 2019, it will be emailed to all members.