

Site-of Service Policy Update Effective June 15, 2022

Effective Date: June 15, 2022

Health Plans Affected: Priority Partners and Johns Hopkins US Family Health Plan (USFHP)

Type of Change: Policy

Explanation of Change:

The Medical Policy Advisory Committee for Johns Hopkins HealthCare (JHHC) has approved new changes and additions to the JHHC CMS23.05 Site-of-Service Outpatient Surgical Procedures Medical Policy, effective June 15, 2022. This policy is applicable for select planned surgical procedures in Maryland hospitals and affects members of all ages for Priority Partners and Johns Hopkins USFHP only.

Changes to [CMS23.05 Site-of-Service Outpatient Surgical Procedures](#)

- Criteria for access standards added for USFHP and Priority Partners members
- Content added to the Policy section to provide the additional consideration of the availability of services in the “contracted network, including their **provider’s credentials** to perform the procedure in an ambulatory surgery center (ASC).”
- Criteria added to allow consideration for outpatient surgery in the outpatient hospital setting when:
 - ASC is unable to provide “medically necessary **timely** surgical care”
 - There is no geographically available ASC within the **access standards** required by the member’s plan
- Added definitions for:
 - USFHP Access Standards per Tricare Policy Manual
 - Priority Partners Access Standards per COMAR regulations
- Background section reviewed
- Reference section reviewed and updated

The CMS23.05 Site-of-Service-Outpatient Surgical Procedures policy specifies that members receive certain outpatient diagnostic or surgical procedures in an ASC when clinically appropriate. A surgical procedure performed in a hospital setting requires prior authorization and must meet medical necessity criteria for the hospital setting. The outpatient hospital setting, classified by Place of Service 22, is also known as "regulated space" within the state of Maryland.

To view the full description of the CMS23.05 Site-of-Service Outpatient Surgical Procedures policy and important appendices, please visit the [Medical Policies](#) section of the JHHC website after the policy effective date or call Provider Relations at 888-895-4998.

Please contact the JHHC Provider Relations department at 888-895-4998 with any questions or concerns.