

## Reimbursement Policies

Effective 3/4/2026

**Policy:** Implementation of Multiple Surgery Reduction (MSR) Rules for Endoscopic Procedures Billed by ASCs

Effective for claims processed on and after March 4, **2026**, the following payment rules apply to all Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC) billed endoscopy services for all lines of business:

1. Multiple Endoscopies in the Same Family
  - The highest valued endoscopy is paid at 100%.
  - All subsequent procedures in the same family are paid at the difference between the procedure's allowed amount and the base code's allowed amount (CMS special endoscopy rule).
2. Endoscopies from Different Families
  - CMS Multiple Surgery Reduction (MSR) applies.
  - The highest valued procedure is paid at 100%; additional unrelated procedures are paid at 50%.
3. Endoscopy Combined With No Endoscopic Surgical Procedures
  - The endoscopy family follows the special endoscopy rules.
  - The unrelated non-endoscopic procedure(s) follow the standard 50% MSR.

ASCs should expect:

- Reduced reimbursement on claims involving multiple endoscopies or endoscopies combined with other surgical procedures.
- No separate payment for the base code when a more complex endoscopy from the same family is performed.  
(Base code value is already "built in" to the payment structure.)

This change aligns ASC adjudication with national CMS policy and ensures consistent application across all providers and MAC jurisdictions.