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CHANGE TITLE: FY 2004 ASA RATE CHANGE AND ASC UPDATES

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SUMMARY OF ADDITIONS/REVISIONS: Due to passage of the Medicare
Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act (MMA) the equalization of
the other area ASA rate to the large urban rate is continued and the Ambulatory
Surgery Code (ASC) rates and procedures list is updated.

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SUMMARY OF CHANGES

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1. Section 1 (**Cost-Shares And Deductibles**). Extends the current daily rate of \$459 through September 30, 2004.

CHAPTER 6

2. Section 5 (**Hospital Reimbursement - TRICARE/CHAMPUS DRG-Based Payment System (Determination Of Payment Amounts)**). Corrects the numbering of Steps 1 and 2 under paragraph III.A.1.b. to Steps 8 and 9.
3. Addendum B (FY 2004) (**Fiscal Year 2004 TRICARE/CHAMPUS Adjusted Standardized Amounts**). Extends the current ASA rate and daily rate through September 30, 2004.

CHAPTER 9

4. Section 1 (**Ambulatory Surgical Center Reimbursement**). Updates the ASC payment rates to reflect a 2.0 percent reduction.
5. Addendum B (**TRICARE-Approved Ambulatory Surgery Procedures On Or After 11/01/2003**). Updates the list of TRICARE-approved ambulatory surgery procedures.

