



Texas Ambulatory
Surgery Center Society

The United Voice of the Texas ASC Industry!

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Greetings:

As you and I have witnessed first-hand, the first half of 2009 has been very busy for Texas ASCs. New Medicare Conditions for Coverage, a likely overhaul of our nation's health care delivery system, updated fee guidelines from the state's largest private insurance carrier, and a busy state legislature are among the new items that our ASCs will experience before the year ends. Throughout all of these events, the Texas Ambulatory Surgery Center Society has been at the state-holder table and represented the industry before key policy makers and industry officials.

Recognizing how critical it is for our ASCs to learn about how these actions will impact our daily operations, some of the industry's top speakers will present guidance on these topics at the TASCS 2009 Summer Summit on August 20 in Houston. Industry experts will provide you with an analysis of how these items will impact your ASC and give you with a glimpse into the industry's future as well.

Details regarding the August 20, 2009 TASCS Summer Summit can be found on the attached brochure. I hope that you will be able to attend. Also, please mark your calendars for November 12-13, 2009 to attend the TASCS 2009 Annual Conference in Frisco, Texas.

In addition to serving as the Texas ASC industry's stakeholder voice in both the regulatory and legislative arenas in Austin, TASCS is a member-driven organization that provides its members with timely information about public policy and industry information that often cannot be found elsewhere, interactive conferences that bring in some of the nation's top speakers, valuable vendors, continuing education discounts and services. If you would like to learn more about becoming a member or have any other questions, please contact Executive Director Bobby Hillert via telephone at (214) 728-7672 or via e-mail at Bhillert@texasascociety.org.

Sincerely,

William Crowder, MD
President
TASCS Board of Directors



Texas Ambulatory Surgery Center Society Summer Summit

An analysis of the ASC industry's latest developments.

**Thursday, August 20, 2009
Houston, Texas | Four Seasons Hotel
9:00 am – 2:00 pm**

**Infection Control Program Training
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Additional Fee**

Schedule

9:00 am – 10:00am – Accreditation & Medicare's ASC Conditions for Coverage

Michael Kulczycki, Executive Director of The Joint Commission's Ambulatory Care Accreditation Program, and Michon Villanueva, Assistant Director of Accreditation Services for Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care, will discuss how their teams will be analyzing the new Medicare Conditions for Coverage.

10:00 am – 10:45 am – State & CMS Surveyor Panel

Compliance surveyors from the Texas Department of State Health Services' Health Facility Compliance Division and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) will sit on a panel and answer your questions regarding compliance, the new Medicare Conditions for Coverage, and other questions.

10:45 am – 11:00 am – Break

11:00 am – 11:45 am – TrailBlazer & Medicare Reimbursement

Sherrie Varner of TrailBlazer will answer questions about the latest issues impacting Medicare reimbursement.

11:45 am– 1:00 pm – Lunch: 2009 Texas Legislature Wrap-Up and Preview of Regulatory Matters

TASCS lobbyist Jaime Capelo will examine the 2009 Texas Legislature and regulation process and what it means for your ASC. In addition, a breakdown of what the federal health care overhaul legislation could look like for your ASC will be discussed as well.

1:00 – 2:00pm – Latest Private Insurance Developments for Texas ASCs

Wes Chick (BCBS of TX's Director of Facility Provider Network), James Jones (BCBS of TX's Senior Provider Network Representative), and Cherry Jefferson (BCBS of TX's Senior Provider Network Representative) will answer questions about Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas' anticipated new ASC fee guidelines and discuss the current insurance situation in Texas.

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm – Infection Control Program Training (Additional Fee)

Are you meeting the new Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) survey expectations for ASC Conditions for Coverage (CfCs) with the added CfC Infection Control? The goal of this seminar is to provide the ambulatory surgery nurse, nurse manager, and administrator responsible for the Infection Prevention program design and implementation with the confidence that the patient care and facility will demonstrate infection prevention when the following expectations for ambulatory surgery centers are met: An IP program, trained and educated IP program leadership, evidence of environmental sanitation, documented and reported Infection Surveillance, data collection and analysis that leads to improved performance, occupational health, mitigation of healthcare associated infection (HAI) risk and monitoring compliance with policies and recognized best practices.

*****Please note that the infection control program will be an additional fee. TASCS does not guarantee that the infection control program will meet the standards for the Medicare ASC Conditions for Coverage provisions.**

Three contact hours for this continuing nursing education activity have been approved by the Association of periOperative Registered Nurses, Inc., an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation. Activities that are approved by AORN are recognized as continuing education for registered nurses. This recognition does not imply that AORN or the ANCC Commission on Accreditation approves or endorses any product included in the presentation.

In addition, TASCS has applied for AEU's for the CASC program.

Registration form is on back.



**2009 TEXAS AMBULATORY SURGERY CENTER SOCIETY
SUMMER SUMMIT
AUGUST 20, 2009
FOUR SEASONS HOTEL, HOUSTON, TEXAS**

REGISTRATION FORM

ASC: _____ TASCs Member? Yes No

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Please register the following:

Name: _____ Email: _____

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REGISTRATION FEES:

Member Registration: 1st Registration ----- \$100
Additional Registrations from same facility ----- @ \$50 each

Non-Member Registration ----- \$150 each

Total: \$ _____

I will be attending the Infection Control Training. I understand that this session requires a separate payment payable to AORN onsite.

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Check Enclosed: _____ or VISA MC AMEX

Credit Card #: _____ Exp: _____

Security Code: _____ (3 digit code from back of VISA.MC, 4 digit code on front of AMEX)

Name on Card: _____

Billing Address: _____

Billing City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Mail registration to TASCS or Fax to (512) 370-1626.

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