

CMS 2025 Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) and Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC) Payment System Final Rule Advances Health Equity Policies

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The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) [OPPS and ASC Final Rule](#) was published in the Federal Register on November 27. In addition to customary payment rate updates, the 2025 final rule also addresses key Biden-Harris Administration policy objectives, including reducing health disparities, broadening access to behavioral health care, and responding to the maternal health crisis. In addition, the final rule reflects experience CMS gained from the COVID-19 pandemic that will also help eradicate persistent health inequities.