

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
**SESSION 2007**

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**HOUSE BILL 402**

Short Title: Ambulatory Surgical Facil/Payment System. (Public)

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Sponsors: Representatives Dickson, Glazier, Lucas (Primary Sponsors); Brisson, Faison, and Wainwright.

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Referred to: Health.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN  
3 SERVICES, DIVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE, TO IMPLEMENT  
4 FEDERAL CHANGES REGARDING PAYMENT RATES FOR AMBULATORY  
5 SURGICAL CENTERS.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7       **SECTION 1.** The Department of Health and Human Services, Division of  
8 Medical Assistance, shall track the implementation of a new Medicare Ambulatory  
9 Surgical Center (ASC) Payment System, scheduled to become effective January 1,  
10 2008, under the Ambulatory Surgical Center Medicare Payment Modernization Act.  
11 Upon implementation of the new Medicare ASC Payment System, the Division shall  
12 apply the Medicare payment changes to the State Medical Assistance Plan, such that the  
13 reimbursement rates under Medicaid for ambulatory surgical center services shall be not  
14 less than the rates for the same services reimbursable under Medicare. The Department  
15 shall ensure that the new ambulatory surgical center rates are in effect under the State  
16 Medical Assistance Plan not later than 60 days from the date the Medicare ASC  
17 Payment System becomes effective.

18       **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2007.