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## Outpatient surgery in ambulatory surgery centers

Healthy Blue encourages providers to seek the most appropriate, cost-effective level of care for our members. This is a reminder that the following outpatient procedures for Healthy Blue members can be performed at freestanding ambulatory surgery centers (ASCs) instead of hospitals:

- Gastroenterology procedure(s)
- Ophthalmology procedure(s)
- Podiatry procedure(s)
- Urology procedure(s)

Please refer to our online provider directory at <https://providers.healthybluelouisiana.com> for the most up-to-date list of participating ASCs in the Healthy Blue provider network. In order for an outpatient procedure to be performed at an ASC, the provider must have privileges at that ASC.

We require prior authorization for these outpatient procedures when performed in ASCs, just as we do when they are performed in hospitals. To request prior authorization, please call Provider Services at **1-844-521-6942**.

Thank you for your cooperation to ensure our members receive care in the most efficient and accessible manner. If you have questions, please contact your local Provider Relations representative or call Provider Services at **1-844-521-6942**.

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