

using APC groups. We are also eliminating proposed additions to the ASC list that were deleted from CPT after 1998, and there are some codes that we proposed to add but are not adding on the basis of comments. The codes that we are not adding to the ASC list for these reasons are listed in the following table. We recognize that most of the additions and deletions to the ASC list that are being implemented through this final rule were proposed nearly 5 years ago. Our medical advisors have reviewed all of the changes reflected in this final rule and we believe that, taking patient safety into account, the final updated list reasonably reflects contemporary surgery performed in an ASC in the year 2003.

PROCEDURES PROPOSED FOR ADDITION TO THE ASC LIST THAT ARE NOT BEING ADDED

HCPSCS	Short descriptor
11752	Remove nail bed/finger tip.
11760	Repair of nail bed.
11762	Reconstruction of nail bed.
11920	Correct skin color defects.
11921	Correct skin color defects.
11922	Correct skin color defects.
11950	Therapy for contour defects.
11951	Therapy for contour defects.
11952	Therapy for contour defects.
11954	Therapy for contour defects.
12001	Repair superficial wound(s).
12002	Repair superficial wound(s).
12004	Repair superficial wound(s).
12011	Repair superficial wound(s).
12013	Repair superficial wound(s).
12014	Repair superficial wound(s).
12015	Repair superficial wound(s).
12031	Layer closure of wound(s).
12032	Layer closure of wound(s).
12041	Layer closure of wound(s).
12042	Layer closure of wound(s).
12051	Layer closure of wound(s).
12052	Layer closure of wound(s).
12053	Layer closure of wound(s).
15819	Plastic surgery, neck.
15836	Excise excessive skin tissue.
15837	Excise excessive skin tissue.
15838	Excise excessive skin tissue.
15839	Excise excessive skin tissue.
15860	Test for blood flow in graft.
16010	Treatment of burn(s).
16040	Deleted by CPT.
16041	Deleted by CPT.
16042	Deleted by CPT.
17106	Destruction of skin lesions.
17107	Destruction of skin lesions.
17108	Destruction of skin lesions.
17304	Chemosurgery of skin lesion.
17305	2nd stage chemosurgery.
17306	3rd stage chemosurgery.
17307	Followup skin lesion therapy.
17310	Extensive skin chemosurgery.
19396	Design custom breast implant.
21030	Removal of face bone lesion.
21031	Remove exostosis, mandible.
21032	Remove exostosis, maxilla.

PROCEDURES PROPOSED FOR ADDITION TO THE ASC LIST THAT ARE NOT BEING ADDED—Continued

HCPSCS	Short descriptor
21110	Interdental fixation.
21120	Reconstruction of chin.
21125	Augmentation, lower jaw bone.
21260	Revise eye sockets.
20500	Injection of sinus tract.
20950	Fluid pressure, muscle.
24640	Treat elbow dislocation.
24650	Treat radius fracture.
25500	Treat fracture of radius.
25530	Treat fracture of ulna.
25560	Treat fracture radius & ulna.
25600	Treat fracture radius/ulna.
25622	Treat wrist bone fracture.
25630	Treat wrist bone fracture.
25650	Treat wrist bone fracture.
26600	Treat metacarpal fracture.
26641	Treat thumb dislocation.
26670	Treat hand dislocation.
26700	Treat knuckle dislocation.
26720	Treat finger fracture, each.
26725	Treat finger fracture, each.
26740	Treat finger fracture, each.
26750	Treat finger fracture, each.
26755	Treat finger fracture, each.
26770	Treat finger dislocation.
26775	Treat finger dislocation.
27200	Treat tail bone fracture.
27220	Treat hip socket fracture.
27256	Treat hip dislocation.
27556	Treat knee dislocation.
28001	Drainage of bursa of foot.
28010	Incision of toe tendon.
28108	Removal of toe lesions.
28124	Partial removal of toe.
28220	Release of foot tendon.
28230	Incision of foot tendon(s).
28232	Incision of toe tendon.
28272	Release of toe joint, each.
28360	Reconstruct cleft foot.
28430	Treatment of ankle fracture.
28450	Treat midfoot fracture, each.
28455	Treat midfoot fracture, each.
28470	Treat metatarsal fracture.
28475	Treat metatarsal fracture.
28490	Treat big toe fracture.
28495	Treat big toe fracture.
28510	Treatment of toe fracture.
28515	Treatment of toe fracture.
28530	Treat sesamoid bone fracture.
28540	Treat foot dislocation.
28570	Treat foot dislocation.
28600	Treat foot dislocation.
28630	Treat toe dislocation.
28660	Treat toe dislocation.
30901	Control of nosebleed.
31040	Exploration behind upper jaw.
31502	Change of windpipe airway.
31520	Diagnostic laryngoscopy.
32960	Therapeutic pneumothorax.
36493	Repositioning of cvc.
37618	Ligation of extremity artery.
40702	Repair cleft lip/nasal.
40830	Repair mouth laceration.
41822	Excision of gum lesion.
41823	Excision of gum lesion.
42227	Lengthening of palate.
42326	Create salivary cyst drain.
42400	Biopsy of salivary gland.
42800	Biopsy of throat.
42842	Extensive surgery of throat.

PROCEDURES PROPOSED FOR ADDITION TO THE ASC LIST THAT ARE NOT BEING ADDED—Continued

HCPSCS	Short descriptor
42844	Extensive surgery of throat.
42970	Control nose/throat bleeding.
43020	Incision of esophagus.
43030	Throat muscle surgery.
43761	Reposition gastrostomy tube.
45300	Proctosigmoidoscopy dx.
45303	Proctosigmoidoscopy dilate.
45330	Diagnostic sigmoidoscopy.
46604	Anoscopy and dilation.
46614	Anoscopy/control bleeding.
46900	Destruction, anal lesion(s).
46910	Destruction, anal lesion(s).
46916	Cryosurgery, anal lesion(s).
49429	Removal of shunt.
50590	Lithotripsy.
51705	Change of bladder tube.
52265	Cystoscopy and treatment.
52301	Cystoscopy and treatment.
52339	Deleted by CPT.
53025	Incision of urethra.
53060	Drainage of urethra abscess.
53852	Prostatic rf thermotx.
54050	Destruction, penis lesion(s).
54055	Destruction, penis lesion(s).
54056	Cryosurgery, penis lesion(s).
54402	Deleted by CPT.
54407	Deleted by CPT.
54409	Deleted by CPT.
55450	Ligation of sperm duct.
56311	Deleted by CPT.
56312	Deleted by CPT.
56313	Deleted by CPT.
56314	Deleted by CPT.
56318	Deleted by CPT.
56320	Deleted by CPT.
56346	Deleted by CPT.
56353	Deleted by CPT.
56355	Deleted by CPT.
56501	Destroy, vulva lesions, simp.
57284	Repair paravaginal defect.
57288	Repair bladder defect.
57460	Cervix excision.
57555	Remove cervix/repair vagina.
58345	Reopen fallopian tube.
58970	Retrieval of oocyte.
59300	Episiotomy or vaginal repair.
60100	Biopsy of thyroid.
60210	Partial thyroid excision.
60240	Removal of thyroid.
61000	Remove cranial cavity fluid.
61001	Remove cranial cavity fluid.
62292	Injection into disk lesion.
62298	Deleted by CPT.
63615	Remove lesion of spinal cord.
64555	Implant neuroelectrodes.
64560	Implant neuroelectrodes.
64565	Implant neuroelectrodes.
64761	Incision of pelvis nerve.
65286	Repair of eye wound.
65450	Treatment of corneal lesion.
65820	Relieve inner eye pressure.
65855	Laser surgery of eye.
65860	Incise inner eye adhesions.
66761	Revision of iris.
66762	Revision of iris.
66770	Removal of inner eye lesion.
66820	Incision, secondary cataract.
67101	Repair detached retina.
67110	Repair detached retina.
67208	Treatment of retinal lesion.