



**Department  
of Health**

# **Ambulatory Surgery Centers (ASC) :**

**Revised Department Policies**

**Impact on Community Hospitals in CON Review**

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# Revised ASC Policies

- If proposed ASC has negative financial impact (verified by the Department) on a Critical Access Hospital or Sole Community Hospital, the Department will recommend Disapproval. However, other factors may be considered including good faith efforts to effect collaboration between proposed operator and impacted hospital, surgical service specialty type, quality metrics and future reimbursement trends.
- Solicit feedback from surrounding hospitals as to the impact of any proposed ASC project (establishment or construction) regardless of hospital stake in ownership.
- Apply limited life to non-hospital owned ASC's, not only to initial establishment but also where there is a change of ownership of 50% or greater to be measured over time.



# Questions and Discussion