

Family Health Center will no longer cover outpatient surgical services

Effective Jan. 1, 2020, Family Health Center of Marshfield, Inc., (FHC) will no longer be able to provide financial assistance for outpatient surgical services.

This change means that FHC will no longer provide assistance or pay claims for any fees incurred through an ambulatory surgery center or outpatient hospital surgery service. This includes charges for:

- professional staff (e.g. surgeons, anesthesiologists, radiologists, pathologists)
- facility charges
- charges for ancillary services associated with the service (e.g. pharmaceuticals, sterile supplies, equipment)
- recovery care

As a federally funded community health center, FHC must provide benefits that are consistent with Health Resources & Services Administration's (HRSA) expectations of a community health center. Community health centers generally provide primary medical care, dental/oral health care and behavioral health services. The FHC Board of Directors has determined that providing assistance for surgical services was beyond the scope of the program.

FHC members who receive outpatient surgical services on or after Jan. 1, 2020, will no longer have coverage for these services.