

AMBULATORY HEALTH CARE ACCREDITATION
(Revised on March 22, 2011)

CURRENT LAWS AND REGULATIONS
(Recent changes in bold)

STATE	STATUTE/RULE	ENTITY	AGENCY	DESCRIPTION
Alabama	Chapter 540-X-10, Rules of the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners	Office- based surgery	Alabama Board of Medical Examiners	The Board approved regulations effective on Nov. 21, 2003, encouraging accreditation of facilities where deep sedation/analgesia or general anesthesia is provided. The rules require registration and reporting, in addition to standards based on level of anesthesia provided.
Arizona	Az. Rev. Stat., Sec. 36-424 (C).	Health care institutions including ambulatory surgery centers	Department of Health Services, Division of Assurance and Licensure Services	The Department accepts accreditation reports from recognized entities such as AAAHC in lieu of licensing inspections.
	Az. Rev. Stat., Sec. 36-402 (3).	Physician offices		Physician offices and clinics are exempt from the licensing requirements applicable to health care institutions unless patients are kept overnight as bed patients or treated otherwise under general anesthesia, except where treatment by general anesthesia is regulated under the dentistry statutes.
	Az. Admin. Code R4-16-701	Office-based surgery	Arizona Medical Board	Physician offices where office based surgery using sedation is performed must follow the standards set forth in the regulations which include requirements for administration, patient selection, sedation monitoring standards, equipment and space use and emergency transfers.
California	Health Safety Code, Ch. A.3, Sec. 1248; Bus. & Prof. Code, Secs. 2216.1, 2216.2, 2240	Outpatient facilities	Medical Board of California	Licensure, Medicare certification or accreditation is required for all outpatient settings where anesthesia is used (excluding local or peripheral nerve blocks). The Division of Licensing has approved AAAHC, among others, as state-recognized accreditation agencies. The legislation also contains a number of other requirements such as those relating to liability insurance coverage, reporting complications, adequate personnel and written discharge criteria.



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California (continued)				<p>Facilities must be state licensed, Medicare-certified or accredited by an accrediting agency approved by the medical board in order to charge and collect a facility fee for use of the emergency room or operating room of the facility for services provided to injured employees under the state's workers' compensation laws.</p> <p>Currently, the California Department of Public Health will not issue a license to clinics which have any percentage of physician ownership.</p>
	<p>SB 430 Business and Professions Code, Sec. 1638</p> <p>Health and Safety Code, Sec. 1228.</p>	<p>Dentists</p> <p>Primary care clinics (community and free clinics which are subject to licensure)</p>	<p>Dental Board</p> <p>Department of Health Services</p>	<p>Liposuction extraction and postoperative care standards for outpatient settings went in effect on Feb. 20, 2003. Procedures performed under general anesthesia or intravenous sedation, or that result in the extraction of 5,000 or more cubic centimeters of total aspirate, must be performed in a hospital or an outpatient setting that is licensed, or accredited by one of the approved entities listed above.</p> <p>On September 28, 2006, the Governor signed a bill into law which allows a person licensed to practice dentistry who is not a physician to apply for a permit to perform elective facial cosmetic surgery. The applicant would have to submit specified information to a credentialing committee appointed to the Board. The elective cosmetic surgery can only be performed in specified health facilities, including outpatient surgical facilities accredited by AAAHC.</p> <p>Effective Jan 1, 2004, primary care clinics (community and free clinics that provide a safety net for underserved, uninsured, and underinsured populations) that are accredited by AAAHC or other named accrediting organization are exempt from inspection by the Department.</p>
Colorado	<p>HB 1234 Colorado Revised Statutes, 25-3-102</p> <p>Policy Statement 40-12</p>	<p>Ambulatory Surgical Centers</p> <p>Office- based surgery and Anesthesia</p>	<p>Department of Health</p> <p>Board of Medical Examiners</p>	<p>Legislation enacted on May 27, 2008 recognizes accreditation by AAAHC as meeting certain licensing standards for renewals of ASC licenses.</p> <p>In Nov. 2001 the Board adopted a policy statement regarding the provision of surgical and anesthesia services in office settings. Overnight patient stays are not recommended unless the facility is accredited as a "Class B or C facility" by AAAHC or other named accrediting organization, or Colorado Dept. of Public Health and the Environment.</p>



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Connecticut	Conn. Gen. Stats Sec. 19a-691; HB 5531 (signed into law on June 3, 2004)	Outpatient surgery centers and offices where certain types of anesthesia are administered	Office of Health Care Access, (OHCA) Dept. of Public Health	Any office or unlicensed facility at which moderate sedation/analgesia, deep sedation/analgesia or general anesthesia is administered must be accredited by AAAHC, among other accrediting organizations, or be Medicare-certified, within 18 months of administering such sedation or anesthesia. A law effective July 1, 2004 requires a license and a certificate of need (CON) for non-hospital outpatient surgical facilities that use moderate sedation, deep sedation or general anesthesia. Medical offices are exempt if they do not administer deep sedation or general anesthesia and meet certain other conditions. Facilities that operated before July 1, 2003 or received an OHCA determination that a CON was not required may operate until March 30, 2007 without a license.
	Conn. Gen. Stats.19a-638 (a)(4); SB 1207 (signed into law on June 7, 2005)	Health care facilities	OCHA	A law, effective July 1, 2005, requires a certificate of need approval, regardless of cost, for any health care facility that purchases, acquires or accepts the donation of imaging and scanning equipment. The CON requirement will be waived if the equipment was acquired prior to July 1, 2005 or a CON or determination a CON was not required was obtained from OCHA before July 1, 2005.
Delaware		Freestanding surgical centers	Health Resource Board (certificate of public review process)	The Board requires AAAHC or accreditation by another accrediting organization within one year of licensure as a condition of approving new or converted freestanding ambulatory centers.
District of Columbia	DC Code Secs. 32-1301 to 32-1309.	Health care facilities including ambulatory surgical facilities	Department of Health	Accreditation by a private accrediting body or certification to participate in a federal health program may be accepted in lieu of re-licensing inspection. Office-based facilities are subject to the licensing requirements as health facilities if complex procedures are performed.
		Office- based surgery	Board of Medicine	The Board issued an advisory in 2000 that it will follow ASA guidelines in determining the acceptable standard of care in cases involving office-based anesthesia.
Florida	Fla. Stats. Chapter 395; Fla. Admin. Code Sec. 59A-5.004	Ambulatory surgical centers	Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA)	Ambulatory surgical centers not accredited by AAAHC or another approved accrediting organization are subject to an annual licensure inspection survey. The agency accepts the survey report of an accrediting organization as substantial compliance.



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Florida (Continued)	Fla. Stats. Sec. 458.309 (1), (3) ; 458.351 (6); 455.681 Fla. Admin. Code Rules 64B-9.009, 9.0091, 9.0092	Office- based surgery performed in facility not regulated by AHCA or Department of Health	Board of Medicine; Department of Health	Florida law requires Dept. of Health inspections for physician office facilities where certain levels of surgery are performed, unless a nationally recognized accrediting agency or another accrediting organization subsequently approved by the Board of Medicine accredits the offices. Physicians performing certain levels of surgery in an office are required to register with the board and indicate whether their office is accredited or subject to a state inspection. The rules recognize AAAHC as an approved accrediting agency. The rules also require compliance with a number of state standards for office-based surgery.
	SB 2272 Fla. Stats. Sec. 641.512 Fla. Stats. Sec. 400.915 (11) (a); Fla. Admin. Code Rules 59A-33	Pain Management Clinics HMOs and prepaid health clinics Clinics providing MRI services	Agency for Health Care Administration; Boards of Medicine and Osteopathic Medicine AHCA's Bureau of Managed Health Care Dept. of Health	This bill, signed by the Governor on June 18, 2009, requires that certain clinics practicing pain management register with the Department of Health and be subject to annual inspection or national accreditation. As of October 1, 2010, organizations subject to the law must register with the Agency for Health Care Administration. HMOs and prepaid health plans are required to undergo an external quality assurance review by an approved accreditation organization, which includes AAAHC. Clinics offering magnetic resonance imaging services must be accredited by AAAHC or another accrediting organization within one year after licensure, unless an extension is granted.
Georgia	Admin. Rules and Regs. of State of Georgia, Sec. 272- 2-09 (1)(c)(10,11)	Ambulatory surgical facilities	State Health Planning Agency	The certificate of need licensing regulation requires that an applicant for an expanded ambulatory surgical facility, including diagnostic, treatment, or rehabilitation centers that offer ambulatory surgery, must provide appropriate documentation of meeting accreditation requirements of AAAHC, another named accrediting organization or "other appropriate accrediting agency." An applicant for a new facility must provide a statement of intent to meet such accreditation requirements within one year of obtaining state licensure.



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Georgia (continued)	Admin. Rules and Regs. of State of Georgia, Sec. 120-2-93-0.13.01	HMOs	Office of Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner	In April 2005, AAAHC was recognized as an approved accrediting organization by the Office of Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner. According to staff in the Commissioner's office, HMOs can seek certification under Georgia law through proof of accreditation by an approved accrediting organization only for an expansion of services. If the HMO is starting a new business in the state, it must go through the initial licensing procedure.
Illinois	Rules for the Administration of the Medical Practice Act of 1987, Sec. 1285.340	Office- based anesthesia	Department of Professional Regulation	The Department has established minimum CME and ACLS certification requirements for operating physicians and anesthesiologists who administer certain levels of anesthesia in physician offices. In 2004, a court invalidated the rule requiring surgeons to have certain training and experience in anesthesia in order for a CRNA to provide anesthesia.
Indiana	440 Ind. Admin. Code Sec. 4.1	Community mental health centers	Division of Mental Health, Office of Contract Management, Licensing and Certification	AAAHC is approved for accreditation of managed care providers of mental health and addiction services, including HMOs and university student health centers that provide health care services, including mental health. According to the Division, AAAHC does not have standards that focus strictly on mental health and therefore may not be applicable to stand-alone behavioral health organizations.
	Policy of Acute Care Div., Ind. State Dept. of Health, interpreting 410 Ind. Admin. Code Sec. 15-2.2-2	Ambulatory surgery centers	Indiana State Department of Health	The Department accepts a Medicare deemed status survey conducted by AAAHC, or other accrediting organization with deemed status in lieu of its own annual re-licensing survey for the calendar year of that survey.
	844 IAC 5-5	Office-based surgery	Medical Licensing Board of Indiana	After January 1, 2010, a practitioner may not perform or supervise a procedure that requires anesthesia in an office-based setting unless the practice is accredited by a Board approve accrediting organization such as AAAHC.
Kansas	Kan. Rev. Stats. Sec. 65-429	Ambulatory surgical centers and other health care facilities	Department of Health and Environment	The Department recognizes accreditation by entities defined in the state statute in lieu of its own licensing and risk management surveys.



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Kansas (continued)	K.A.R. 100-25-1-100-25	Office- based surgery	Kansas State Board of Healing Arts	Regulations which set forth requirements for all office based surgery and procedures became effective January 1, 2006. In addition effective July 1, 2006, any physician who performs any office based surgery or procedure using general anesthesia or a spinal or epidural block must operate in an office that meets the standards of approved accrediting organizations, including AAAHC.
	Kan. Rev. Stats. Sec. 40-3211 (b)	HMOs	Insurance Department	A quality of care assessment by an independent organization is required for licensure of HMOs. AAAHC accreditation is recognized as meeting this requirement.
Kentucky	Guidelines for Office based Surgery	Office- based surgery	Board of Medical Licensure	The Board adopted on Dec. 18, 2003 guidelines that reflect prevailing standards of care. Offices where Level II or III procedures are performed are expected to obtain accreditation by a named accrediting organization, including AAAHC. Registration, reporting of incidents, and liposuction limits were among the requirements approved.
Louisiana	Louisiana Administrative Code, Title 46, Ch. 73	Office- based surgery	State Board of Medical Examiners	The Board adopted regulations on office based surgery that took effect on Jan. 1, 2005. Exempt procedures include those requiring no anesthesia, local or topical anesthesia, regional anesthesia or conscious sedation, and procedures performed by an oral and maxillofacial surgeon within the dentistry scope of practice. Offices accredited by AAAHC, among other accrediting organizations, and licensed facilities, are exempt from the regulations.
Maryland	Mar. Rev. Stats. Sec. 19-3B-03 (d)	Freestanding ambulatory care facilities	Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Office of Health Care Quality	Legislation, which became effective October 1, 2006, requires accrediting organizations to submit an application and enter into an agreement with the Department of Mental Health and Hygiene. Once approved, the accrediting organizations can perform licensing surveys of ambulatory care facilities on behalf of the Department. The new law also covers managed care organization licensing surveys.



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Massachusetts	Senate Bill 2863, Gen. Laws, Chapter 111, Sec. 53G Massachusetts Medical Society Guidelines for Office-Based Surgery	Clinics Office- based surgery	Department of Health Mass. Medical Society; Board of Registration in Medicine	Legislation enacted on August 10, 2008 defines any entity which is certified or seeks certification as a Medicare ASC as a clinic for the purposes of licensure. Prior to the enactment of this legislation, certain physician owned entities could become Medicare certified ASCs without obtaining a license. Any such clinic which is accredited by AAAHC or another designated accrediting organization is deemed in compliance with the conditions for licensure as a clinic. The Board endorsed the medical society's guidelines, which are based on the level of anesthesia and the complexity of the procedures performed. In addition to other requirements, the recommendations provide that offices where surgery other than minor procedures are performed should be accredited by an accrediting organization, including AAAHC or AAOMS Office Anesthesia Evaluation program, or any other agency approved by the Board.
Mississippi	Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure, Rules and Regulations, Article XXIV	Office- based surgery	State Board of Medical Licensure	Depending on the level of surgery performed, the Board's requirements address surgeon registration, surgical logs and records, reporting of adverse incidents, equipment, supplies, and training of surgeons. The Board provides an alternative credentialing mechanism for procedures outside a physician's core curriculum. Strong recommendations are included for amount of fat to be removed using tumescent liposuction.
Montana	Mont. Code Sec. 50-5-103; SB 105	Outpatient centers for surgical services (not including physician offices)	Department of Public Health and Human Services	The Department may consider as eligible for licensure during the accreditation period any outpatient center for surgical services that furnishes written evidence of its accreditation by AAAHC or JCAHO. This is an alternative to inspections by the Department.
Nebraska	175 Neb. Admin. Code, Ch. 7	Ambulatory surgical centers	Department of Health and Human Services, Regulation and Licensure, Credentialing Division	The Department deems ambulatory surgical centers accredited by AAAHC or JCAHO, or certified to participate in the Medicare or Medicaid program, to be in compliance with its standards of operation, care and treatment.



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New Jersey (continued)	NJAC 13:35-4A.12; 17;	Office- based surgery and anesthesia	Board of Medical Examiners	<p>Regulations govern the administration of office-based anesthesia, including standards for training, credentialing, staffing, equipment and reporting. In Dec. 2002, the Board issued the final rule detailing the alternative privileging mechanism for office-based physicians who do not hold hospital privileges. Certain documentation of competence, training and clinical experience are required to obtain privileges for performing surgery or special procedures, performing or supervising general and regional anesthesia or conscious sedation, or utilizing lasers. The privileging requirement is not imposed for “minor surgery” although certain procedures such as liposuction and breast augmentation are not considered minor.</p> <p>Privileges are granted for two years. Initial applications must be submitted by Dec. 16, 2003. Physicians who submit an application for alternative privileging may continue to provide services until the Board acts on their application. The Board developed a list of acceptable in-office procedures and alternative privileging application forms, and selected an entity to review the documentation submitted along with application.</p>
	N.J.A.C. 13:35-6.7	Office- based surgery	Board of Medical Examiners	<p>Effective November 7, 2005, physicians who perform “new or novel procedures in an office setting” must establish procedural protocol that provides for the protection of patients consistent with settings under the jurisdiction of an Institutional Review Board which complies with the requirements of the Food and Drug Administration.</p> <p>In June 2005, the New Jersey Supreme Court upheld the Superior Court’s ruling that the Board of Medical Examiners has the legal authority to impose supervision requirements on CRNAs working in physician’s offices. A supervising physician without concurrent responsibilities must be present in the room when a CRNA administers general or regional anesthesia. These rules are the most restrictive of any state.</p>



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New Jersey (continued)	Senate Bill No. 787 Section 12 of P.L. 1971, C.136	Office-based surgery	Dept. of Health and Senior Services	Legislation was signed into law on March 21, 2009 which requires surgical practices to register with the Department of Health and Senior Services by March 2010. In addition, surgical practices must either obtain Medicare certification or accreditation from a CMS deemed accrediting body, including AAAHC, as a condition of registration. A surgical practice is defined as a structure or suite of rooms which has no more than one room for use as an operating room specifically designed for surgery, has dedicated recovery area and is established by a physician practice. The term also includes unlicensed entities which are currently Medicare certified. Also included in the legislation are additional requirements for registration.
		Ambulatory care facilities	Dept. of Health and Senior Services	Ambulatory care facilities licensed to provide surgical and related services have one year from enactment to become accredited.
New Mexico	NM Statutes, Sec. 24-1-5 (F)	Health facilities, including outpatient facilities and diagnostic and treatment centers	Department of Health, Health Facility Licensing and Certification Bureau	Licensed health facilities that receive certification to participate in federal reimbursement programs and are fully accredited by entities defined in the statute are granted a license renewal based on that accreditation.
New York	NYCRR Title 10, Sec. 755.2	Ambulatory surgical facilities	Department of Health	ASCs must obtain accreditation from AAAHC or other named accrediting organizations within two full years of operation. After an initial licensing inspection, the Dept accepts accreditation surveys in lieu of its own re-licensing inspections.



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New York (continued)	S. 6052 New York State Public Health Law § 230-d(1)	Office- based surgery	Department of Health	<p>On July 18, 2007, the Governor signed into law legislation (S.6052) requiring that office-based surgeries be performed by physicians in settings that have obtained and maintained accreditation. Under the law, performing surgery in an unaccredited setting would constitute professional medical misconduct.</p> <p>In addition, the new law requires physicians in these practices to report adverse events, including patients who die within 30 days of a procedure, unplanned transfers to hospitals or other "serious or life-threatening" events, to the state Health Department's Patient Safety Center within 24 hours. Data from these reports is protected under the new legislation and will not be subject to public disclosure under state "freedom of information" act requests but can be included in reports that aggregate such outcome data.</p> <p>The accreditation requirement became effective July 14, 2009. AAAHC has been recognized by the Department of Health as an approved accrediting organization.</p>
North Carolina	10 NC Admin. Code 03R.2116; 03R Sec. 2100; 03Q.0202(a) Position Statement on Office-Based Procedures	Ambulatory surgical facilities Office-based Surgery	Division of Facility Services, Department of Health and Human Resources North Carolina Medical Board	<p>Ambulatory surgery facilities (ASFs) are required to obtain accreditation from AAAHC or a comparable accreditation authority within two years of completion of the facility. ASFs accredited by AAAHC or other accrediting organizations are deemed as meeting licensure requirements.</p> <p>On January 23, 2003, the Board approved a position statement of standards of practice. By January 2004, any physician performing level II or III procedures in an office should be able to demonstrate substantial compliance with the guidelines, or obtain accreditation by a nationally recognized agency such as AAAHC, or other board-approved agency. Other guidelines address physician credentialing, including an alternative privileging option, emergencies, performance improvement, medical records, patient selection, equipment and supplies and personnel. Failure to comply creates the risk of disciplinary action by the Board.</p>



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Ohio	Ohio Code Sec. 3702-30; Admin. Code Sec. 3701-83	Ambulatory surgical facilities (ASFs). Surgical facilities holding themselves out to the public or government entities as ASFs are subject to the regulations.	Department of Health	The Department accepts accreditation reports of ASFs in lieu of compliance with health facility regulations and an onsite state survey. The Department is authorized to renew a license without a state survey if the facility is accredited by AAAHC or other named accrediting organizations, and is deemed to be in compliance with the Medicare conditions of coverage. Compliance may also be demonstrated by an ASF that has achieved Medicare certification through a state survey that was conducted within 90 days of the licensure renewal date. Effective June 1, 2006, the Department adopted rules which, among other changes, increase penalties for operating without a license and failing to obtain informed consent from patients. The extent of the fine depends on factors, including whether there has been "harm" to the patient.
	Administrative Code Secs. 4731-25-01 to 07	Office- based surgery	State of Ohio Medical Board	The Medical Board approved regulations requiring accreditation of offices where physicians or podiatrists perform surgery using moderate sedation or higher anesthesia. The rule took effect on January 1, 2004. Application is required within 18 months of that date and accreditation must be obtained within three years after that date. AAAHC, other named accrediting organizations and any other board-approved agencies are recognized. The rules also contain education, training and experience requirements for surgery and anesthesia, and limits on liposuction.
Oklahoma	Okl. Admin. Code Sec. 310:655-17-11	HMOs and prepaid health plans	Department of Health	The Department examines the quality of health care services offered by HMOs and prepaid health plans, and has approved AAAHC as an independent quality examiner.
		Office- based surgery	State Board of Medicine	The Board adopted guidelines for physicians who perform procedures that require anesthesia or sedation in an office setting.
Oregon	ORS Sec. 441.055 (2); OAR Sec. 333-076-0114 (2);	Health care facilities including ambulatory surgical centers	Dept. of Human Services, Oregon Health Division	The Division may accept certificates by accreditation entities listed in the statute as evidence of compliance with acceptable standards in lieu of state inspections.



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Oregon (continued)	Oregon Admin. Rules Sec. 847-017-0000 to 006	Office-based surgery	Oregon Board of Medical Examiners	Regulations were adopted at the October 13, 2006 meeting of the Board which require that every physician performing procedures or surgery using conscious sedation or anesthesia services must perform them in a facility that is accredited by an agency approved by the Board. AAAHC is included as an approved accrediting agency.
	Oregon Admin. Rules Sec. 818-012-0005	Dentists	Board of Dentistry	Dentists performing specified cosmetic surgery procedures deemed to be within the dentistry scope of practice must hold privileges issued by a credentialing committee of a JCAHO-accredited hospital, or of an ambulatory surgical center licensed by the state and accredited either by AAAHC or JCAHO.
Pennsylvania	Pa. Rules and Regulations, Title 28, Part IV, Subpart F, Chs. 551- 571	Ambulatory surgical facilities (includes physician offices with a distinct part used solely for surgery on a regular and organized basis)	Department of Health	For Class A, limited to local or topical anesthesia, ASFs must register and obtain accreditation from a named accreditation organization, including AAAHC. For higher Classes B and C, licensure is required, although the rules allow the dept. to delegate the survey function to nationally recognized accreditation agencies. At this time, the Department is not recognizing accreditation for Class B or C licensure but conducts its own licensure surveys.
	Pa. Rules and Regulations, Title 28, Part I, Ch. 9	HMOs	Department of Health	External quality review is required for licensure of HMOs. AAAHC accreditation has been recognized as meeting this requirement. The Department. revised its regulations and is expected to issue RFPs to approve external quality reviews organizations.
Rhode Island	RI Stats., Ch. 23-17 Dept. of Health Rules and Regulations, R23-17- POSPST	Office- based surgery	Department of Health	The Department issued regulations requiring licensure for offices in which surgery other than minor procedures is performed, along with other requirements. Physicians who provide such services must be licensed. Application for accreditation by an accrediting organization, including AAAHC, is required within nine months from initial licensure, with accreditation required within two years after licensure. Accreditation must be maintained as a condition of licensure thereafter. In June 2002, the enabling law was amended to specifically include office based podiatry.



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South Carolina	Regulation 61-91, Sec. 202	Ambulatory surgical facilities	Department of Health and Environmental Control	The Department may consider accreditation surveys in determining the appropriateness of conducting its own inspections.
	Regulation 81-96	Office- based surgery	Board of Medical Examiners	On June 7, 2007, the General Assembly ratified Regulation 81-96 which requires accreditation of certain office-based surgery practices. The regulations define three levels of practice and requirements are based on the level of practice.
Tennessee	Tenn. Code Sec. 68-11-210 (b)(5)(A)	Ambulatory surgical centers	Department of Health	Licensed health care facilities accredited by a federally recognized accrediting body are deemed to meet all applicable licensing requirements.
	Rule 0880-2-21	Office-based surgery	Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners	The Board adopted new regulations in October, 2007 following legislation which directed the Board to use the rules for ambulatory surgical treatment centers guidelines for regulations. These regulations are intended to apply to physician's who perform Level I, II, IIA and III surgeries as part of a medical practice whose "focus in on the provision of medical services and procedures not related to surgery an option to provide on-site surgical services. Other practices must comply with the laws governing ambulatory surgical treatment centers. For Level I and II office- based surgery practices, the rule sets forth requirements. For Level III office- based surgery, the physician must apply for certification from the Board.
Tennessee (continued)	H.B. 1056 Public Chapter No. 373	Office-based surgery	The Department of Health	Legislation has been enacted which requires the Board to use the rules for ambulatory surgical treatment centers as guidelines for establishing rules regarding infection control, life safety, patients' rights, hazardous waste, and equipment and supplies. The Department of Health is required to provide a site survey of the physician's office, conduct subsequent unannounced visits and respond to patient complaints. The results of these surveys will be forwarded to the Board, subject to certain confidentiality restrictions.



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Texas	25 Texas Admin. Code Sec. 135.20; 135.22	Ambulatory surgical centers	Department of State Health Services	Effective April 4, 2004, an initial or renewal state licensing survey may be waived if the ASC provides documented evidence of accreditation by AAAHC or another accrediting organization and Medicare deemed status. The Executive Commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission has adopted amendments to the regulations governing ASCs that include new requirements for the governing body to adopt policies relating to accurate billing, evaluation of nutritional needs of patients staying for over 8 hours and establishment of an emergency call system. In addition, the regulations amend requirements for anesthesia, surgical and nursing services and reporting requirements.
	Tex. Civ. Stats. Article 4495b, Subch, G, Secs. 7.01-7.07; Article 4427e 22 TAC Sec. 192.1-192.6; 22 TAC Sec. 221.1-221.17	Outpatient surgical settings that are not part of a licensed hospital or ambulatory surgical center	State Board of Medical Examiners; State Board of Nursing Examiners	The two Boards adopted regulations governing physicians and CRNAs providing or administering general or regional anesthesia, or monitored anesthesia, in outpatient settings. The regulations exempt licensed ASCs and outpatient settings accredited by accreditation organizations, including, AAAHC.
	SB 155	Health benefit plans including HMOs	Department of Insurance	Legislation enacted on June 17, 2005 deems HMOs and other health benefit plans that are accredited by nationally recognized accreditation organizations, including AAAHC, from state regulatory requirements.
Utah	Dept. of Health, Health Facility Licensure, #R432-3-3	Surgery, treatment, and birthing centers, behavioral health clinics and home care facilities	Department of Health	The Department's regulations recognize accreditation by AAAHC, Community Health Accreditation Program, among others, for deemed status for health care facilities requiring licensure. In February 2004, the Department approved AAAHC to perform independent audits of ASCs' patient safety programs for identifying and reporting adverse drug events.
Virginia	12 VAC5-270-60	Ambulatory surgery centers	Department of Health	The Certificate of Public Need regulations require ASCs to meet applicable standards of AAAHC or other named accrediting organization.
	Code of Va., Sec. 54.1-2939		Department of Professional. & Occupational. Regulation	Podiatrists may not perform surgery under a general anesthetic in an ambulatory surgery center unless it is approved by AAAHC or another accrediting organization.



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Virginia (continued)	18 VAC 85-20-310 to 390	Ambulatory surgery centers and office- based surgery	Board of Medicine	The Board issued regulations governing office-based anesthesia, effective June 18, 2003. The regulations cover doctors of medicine, osteopathic medicine and podiatry in non-hospital settings where moderate sedation or higher levels are administered, and include training, transfers, reporting and other requirements.
Washington	Wash. Admin. Code Sec. 296-23B-0100	Ambulatory surgery centers that contract with Dept. of Labor and Industries	Department of Labor and Industries	ASCs that contract with the Department to provide medical services to injured workers and crime victims must have either Medicare certification or accreditation by a nationally recognized agency acknowledged by CMS.
	Wash. Admin. Code Sec. 246-330	Ambulatory surgery centers	Department of Health	<p>Legislation enacted on May 2, 2007, requires ambulatory surgical facilities to be licensed. Previously, while certain facilities had to obtain a certificate of need, there was no license requirement. A facility may demonstrate it has met the licensing standards if it is Medicare certified or has met the standards of an accrediting organization with substantially equivalent standards. After June 30, 2009, all ambulatory surgical facilities must be licensed. Whether or not an organization is accredited, the facility must be surveyed every 18 months by the Department of Health. The Department of Health is currently only issuing licenses to organizations which use general anesthesia.</p> <p>Offices maintained for the practice of dentistry and outpatient specialty or multi-specialty surgical services routinely performed in the office of a practitioner in an individual or group practice not requiring general anesthesia are exempt from the licensing requirements. The legislation also includes adverse event reporting requirements as well as numerous other conditions.</p>



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Washington (continued)	HB 1414 (Continued) WAC 246-919-650	Office-based surgery	Medical Quality Assurance Commission	The rules apply to physicians who practice independently or in a group and perform office based surgery using moderate sedation or analgesia, deep sedation or analgesia or major conduction anesthesia. There are exemptions to the rule including surgery performed in licensed facilities and oral and maxillofacial procedures so long as the physician performing the surgery is licensed as both a physician and dentist and is in compliance with the Washington State Dental Assurance Commission regulations, including the holding of the appropriate anesthesia permit. Within 365 days of the effective date of the rule (September 2, 2011), physicians must perform surgery in an organization that is accredited by an approved accrediting organization which includes AAAHC or is a Medicare certified organization. In addition, the rules contain requirements addressing physician competency in anesthesia, the separation of surgical and monitoring functions, emergency care and transfer protocols and medical records.
Wyoming	Wym. Stats. Sec. 35-2-907 (a)	Ambulatory surgery centers	Department of Health	Licensed health care facilities accredited by a nationally recognized accrediting body approved by federal regulations are granted a license renewal without further inspection by the department.



REGULATIONS IN DEVELOPMENTAL OR DRAFTING STAGE

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Florida	SB 2272	Pain Management Clinics	Florida Boards of Medicine and Osteopathic Medicine	The Florida Boards of Medicine and Osteopathic Medicine are conducting rulemaking pursuant to SB462. This bill, signed by the Governor on June 18, 2009, requires that certain clinics practicing pain management register with the Department of Health and be subject to annual inspection or national accreditation. Both Boards are required by the bill to adopt rules setting forth standards for physicians practicing in registered pain management clinics. As of October 1, 2010, organizations subject to the law must register with the Agency for Health Care Administration. The Boards of Medicine and the Osteopathic Medicine Pain Management Clinic Standards of Practice Joint Committee has issued draft rules for the approval of national accrediting organizations.
New Jersey		Surgical practices with no more than one operating room	Department of Health and Senior Services	Proposed rules were submitted to the state Office of Administrative Law for publication in the New Jersey Register on April 18. Under the proposed rule, physician practices with a single operating room would have to be inspected and either certified as an ASC by CMS or accredited. In addition, they would be required to register with the Department.

- ❑ Twenty seven states and DC require or recognize accreditation of certain types of ambulatory surgical centers or facilities (AZ, CA, CO, DE, DC, FL, GA, IN, KS, MD, MT, NE, NV, NH, NJ, NM, NY, NC, OH, OR, PA, SC, TN, TX, UT, VA, WA and WY).
- ❑ For office-based surgery procedures meeting various thresholds, Connecticut, Indiana, Ohio, **Nevada, New Jersey, New York**, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina and **Washington State** require accreditation. Kansas requires that practices meet the requirements of accreditation. California and Florida require state certification or accreditation. Louisiana, North Carolina and Texas exempt accredited settings from surgery/anesthesia regulations or guidelines. Alabama, Illinois, Mississippi, New Jersey and Virginia adopted office anesthesia or surgery regulations. Colorado, D.C., Kentucky, Massachusetts, North Carolina and, Oklahoma adopted voluntary guidelines or policy statements. The Arizona Medical Board and the Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners have adopted regulations specifying further requirements for office based practices, but not accreditation. Seven states recognize AAAHC accreditation for quality assurance reviews of HMOs (Florida, Georgia, Kansas, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Nevada and Texas). Wisconsin recognizes AAAHC accreditation for Medicaid managed care plans.

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