

PATIENT NOTIFICATION FOR REFERRAL TO AN AMBULATORY SURGICAL CENTER (ASC)

Pursuant to Iowa Code Section 147.163, health care providers referring patients to an ASC are required to provide patients with the following factors to consider for the purpose of making a fully informed decision about the patient's recommended course of care.

- a. The differences in ownership; licensure, certification, or accreditation; and payment alternatives between the ASC and a hospital.
- b. The types of medical personnel generally involved in the patient's surgical service and the capacity of the ASC and a hospital to comply with the personnel requirements.
- c. The capacity of the ASC and a hospital to respond to medical complications and emergencies that may arise from the surgical service.
- d. The proximity of the ASC to a hospital and the protocols in place for transfer of a patient from the ASC to the hospital for emergency care.
- e. The type of anesthesia generally used for the patient's surgical service and the capacity of the ASC and a hospital to comply with requirements relative to the use of anesthesia.