

## **Aspirus Clinics transition to provider-based billing**

**Effective February 1, 2010**, the Aspirus Clinics and departmental entities listed below and Aspirus Wausau Hospital will formally integrate their clinical services:

- Aspirus Dermatology Clinic
- Aspirus Family Health Specialists
- Aspirus Family Walk-In
- Aspirus Freeman Adult Health
- Aspirus Memory Clinic
- Aspirus Pediatrics
- Aspirus Rheumatology Clinic
- Aspirus Westhill Medical Specialists
- Aspirus Clinics Laboratory
- Aspirus Clinics Radiology
- Aspirus OB/GYN Associates (including Aspirus Gynecologic Oncology and Aspirus Perinatology)

**Effective March 1, 2010**, the following additional clinics will integrate their clinical services with Aspirus Wausau Hospital:

- Aspirus Edgar Clinic
- Aspirus Family Physicians
- Aspirus Marathon Clinic
- Aspirus Weston Clinic (including Walk-In)
- Aspirus Wittenberg Clinic

These clinics and services will become departments of Aspirus Wausau Hospital, and be referred to as “Provider Based” or “Hospital based.”

This is a Medicare status for hospitals and clinics that comply with specific Medicare regulations. The above-listed Aspirus Clinics have met these regulations, and this change requires these clinics to bill under the name of Aspirus Wausau Hospital.

When seeing a health care provider from any of these clinics for any type of outpatient services, you will see a change in the way you are billed.

- The Aspirus Clinic you have visited will be required to split service billing between hospital (technical) and physician (professional) services.
- When your services are completed, two claims will be submitted to Medicare.
- Therefore, patients will receive two Explanation of Benefits (EOBs) from Medicare.
- This also will result in your receiving a statement from Aspirus with two charges.
- Your Medicare co-insurance percentage will remain 20 percent, but the coinsurance amounts could be different depending on the services you receive.

As a participating Medicare provider, certain Aspirus Clinics are required to screen Medicare patients at every visit to confirm if Medicare or another payer should process the claim. Our reception staff will be asking you specific questions to help determine the correct payer for your services.

Aspirus Clinics and Aspirus Wausau Hospital are committed to providing you with the highest standard of medical care, and we apologize for any confusion this may cause you. Should you have any questions about your bill, please feel free to contact **Aspirus Central Billing Office at our (715) 847-2304 or toll free number at (800) 627-3570.** Our representatives are available from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.