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**INFORMATIONAL LETTER #2002-5**

**DATE:** March 11, 2002

**TO:** ALL AMBULATORY SURGICAL CENTERS

**FROM:** DEBBY RANSOM, R.N., R.H.I.T., Chief  
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**SUBJECT:** **CLARIFICATION OF POLICIES REGARDING  
AMBULATORY SURGICAL CENTERS**

The purpose of this letter is to provide clarification from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services related to waiting and recovery rooms, lengths of stay for Medicare and non-Medicare beneficiaries, and certification of ASCs without a sterile operating room.

Should you have any questions, please contact Sylvia Creswell, Supervisor of Non Long Term Care at 208/334-6626.

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