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Update on the Annual Freestanding Ambulatory Surgical Facility Survey

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Regulatory Authority

- ▶ Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) 10.24.04.02 require all licensed freestanding ambulatory surgical facilities to complete the survey
- ▶ COMAR 10.25.12.01 gives the Commission the authority to impose monetary fines on facilities that fail to comply with the reporting requirements
- ▶ State Health Plan Chapter for Facilities and Services: General Surgical Services, COMAR 10.24.11
- ▶ COMAR 10.24.01 Certificate of Need
- ▶ COMAR 10.24.01.05 Determination of Coverage



Survey Description

- ▶ Administered Annually
 - ▶ Initiated in 1995
 - ▶ Mid summer to early fall
 - ▶ 45-business days to complete
 - ▶ 85% completion rate by deadline
- ▶ Reporting Facilities (OHCQ defined)
 - ▶ Freestanding Ambulatory Surgical Facility (FASF)
 - ▶ Approx. 336 facilities surveyed each year
- ▶ Overview of Survey Questions
 - ▶ Facility Ownership/Affiliation
 - ▶ Services Provided
 - ▶ Capacity and Utilization
 - ▶ Financial Data (not publicly reported)
 - ▶ Patient Safety and Quality



Survey Modifications

2020	2022	2025
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Converted survey to 100% electronic formatting• Established feature to self-pace for completing each section• Pre-populated some data fields• Removed questions that were not helping in CON reviews• Added questions about patient safety activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Established method to accept uploading of Excel file of CPT and ZIP code data• Established method for administrators to edit their user logon information	<p>To be added to the survey:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ownership by private equity firm• Aggregate patient demographics (age, race, insurance)• Number of corrective or revised procedural services provided in a year• Additional expense data• Social determinants of health (SDOH) questions

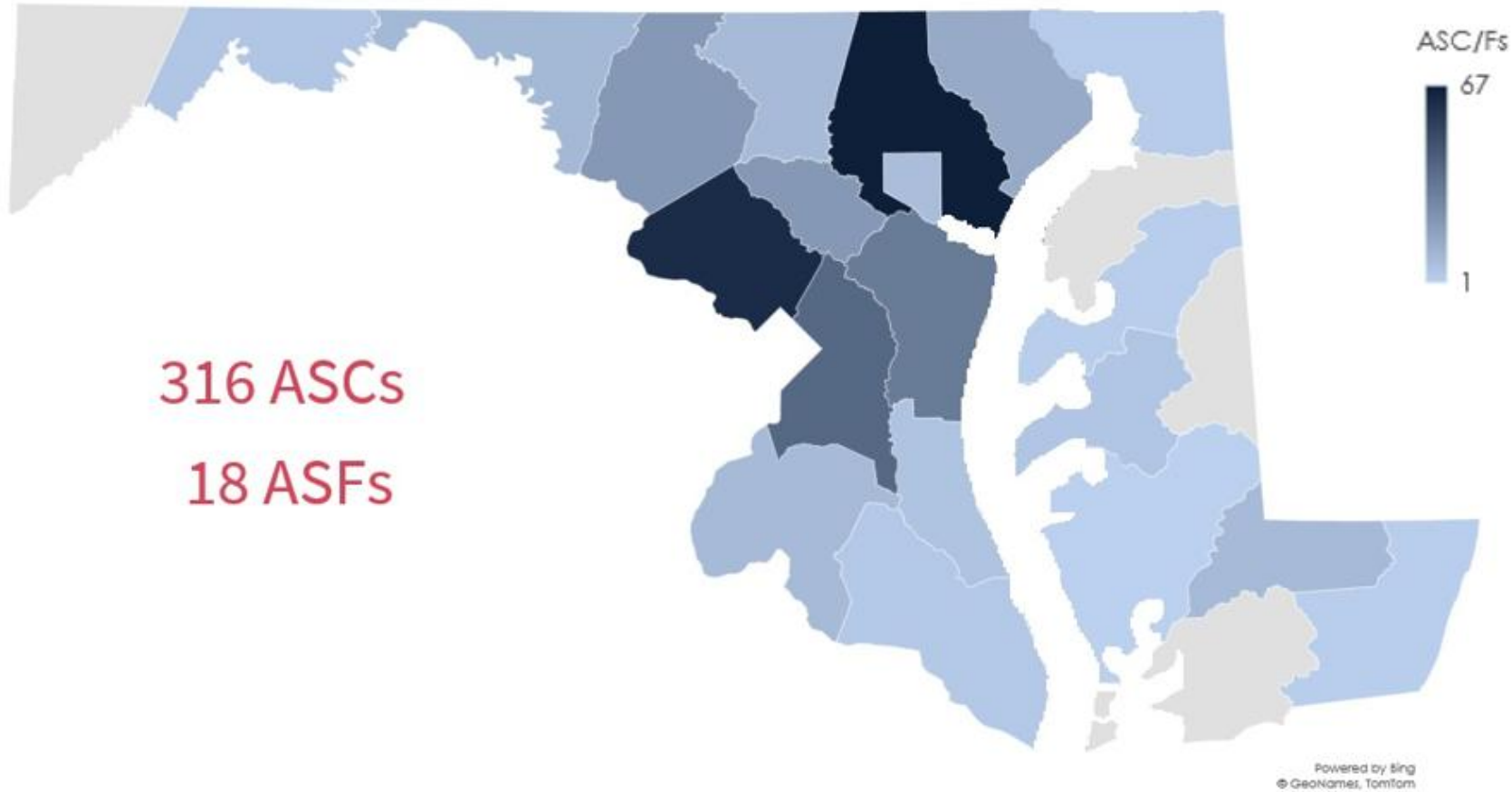
Modifications made are implemented for the previous year's survey period (e.g. 2025 modifications will be implemented for 2024 reporting year). The survey is collected for the previous year from today's calendar year to allow facilities a year to reconcile their financial data.



Survey Uses

- ▶ Center for Quality Measurement and Reporting
 - ▶ Quality Reporting Consumer Website
 - ▶ Ad Hoc Information Requests
 - ▶ Public Use Data Files
- ▶ Center for Health Care Facilities Planning and Development
 - ▶ Planning
 - ▶ Monitoring

FASFs in Maryland



Procedure Rooms

- Avg. 1.5
- Max. 7

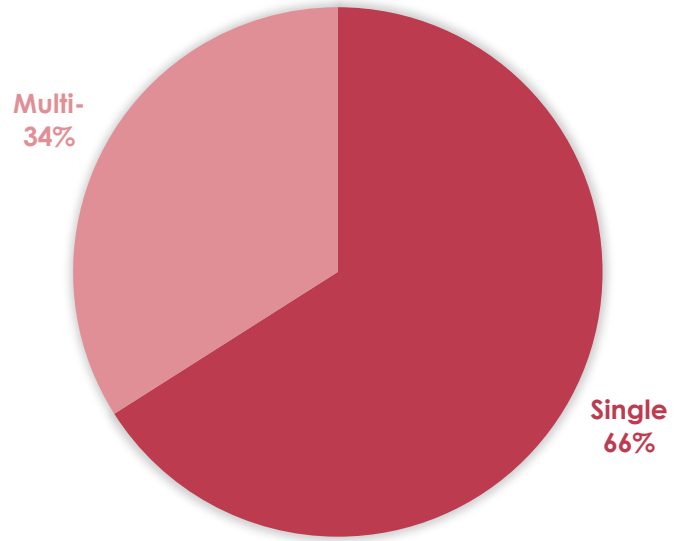
Operating Rooms

- Avg. 1
- Max. 6

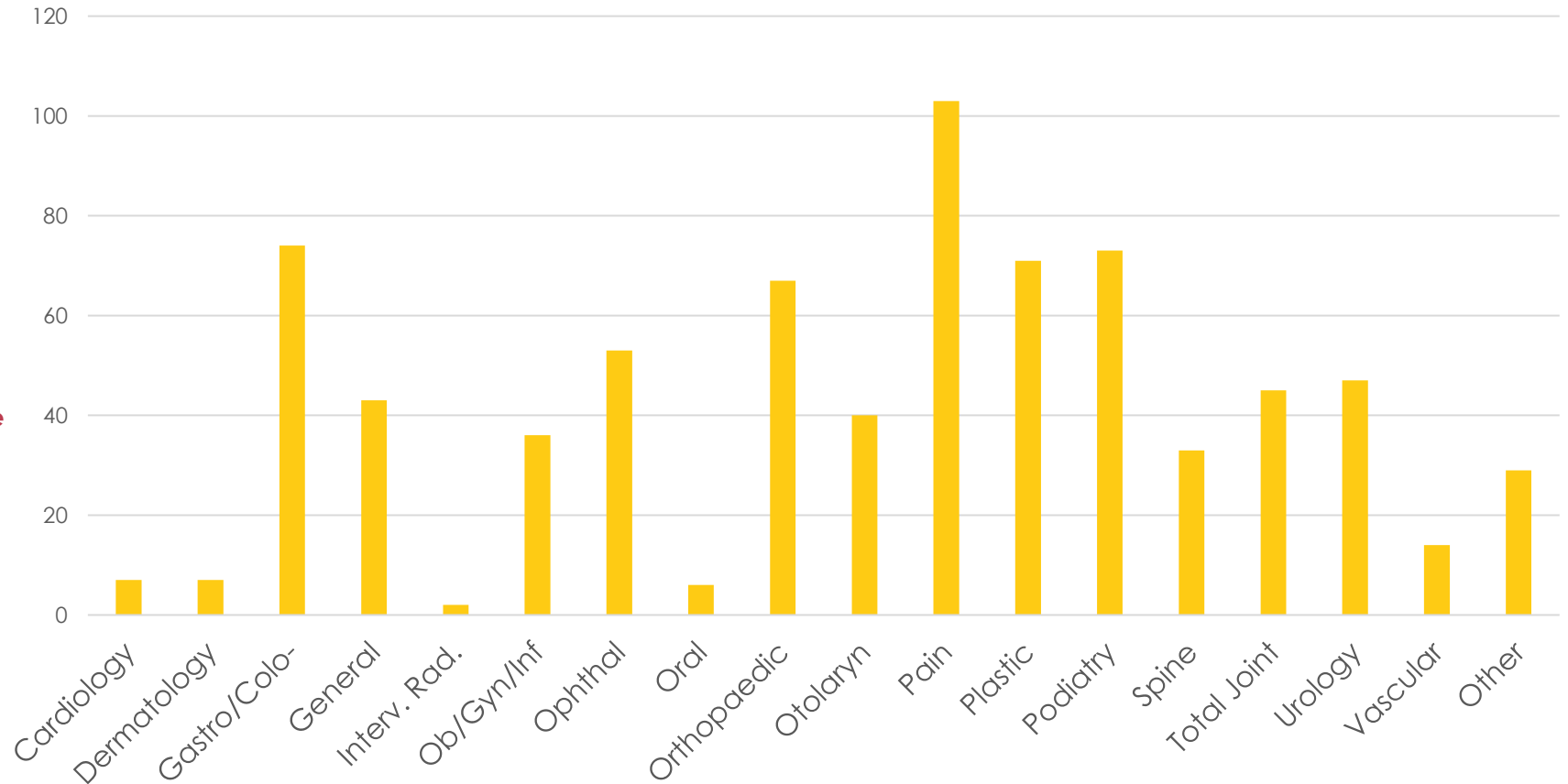
FASFs by Specialty



SPECIALTY



Number of FASFs





Establishing an ASC/ASF in Maryland

- ▶ Request a determination of coverage
- ▶ Provide information required in COMAR 10.24.11.04A
- ▶ Apply for Certificate of Need (CON)
- ▶ Submit Criteria for Review



Monitoring Changes to an ASC/ASF

- Location
- Ownership
- Number of operating/
procedure rooms

... any change in the information provided for initial determination of coverage/CON



Survey Enhancements

Designed to better align the survey to the current standards and information requirements in the State Health Plan and to the new criterion in regulations

Benefit of new survey questions

- Market Penetration
- Access to Services
- Charity Care



Questions



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