



2024 Freestanding Ambulatory Surgical Facility (FASF) Survey Refresher Presentation

MARYLAND HEALTH CARE COMMISSION

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Overview

- ▶ Commission's authority to collect data
 - ▶ COMAR 10.24.04

- ▶ How the data is used
 - ▶ Planning for Certificate of Need (CON)
 - ▶ Quality Reporting Consumer Website
 - ▶ <https://healthcarequality.mhcc.maryland.gov/>
 - ▶ Public consumers can access public use data for their research



2024 Survey Updates

The Familiar

- The survey is set with pre-populated data from your previous submission
- The survey application has software checks which ensure the appropriate information is provided and required fields are completed
- You can complete the survey at your pace by moving from section to section
- You can upload a pre-filled Excel file to submit data for the CPT and ZIP code sections

The New as of 2025

- There is are new questions about:
 - Ownership by private equity firms
 - Special purpose ORs and number of days ORs are used
 - Addition of specialty categories such as Dental and ENT
 - Age, Race, and Insurance status of patients
 - If corrective surgeries complete at your facility
 - Total surgical expenses for charity care
 - Social determinants of health

We're continuously looking for ways to improve the survey. Please email us with your feedback or suggestions



Demonstration of Survey

- ▶ [MHCC FASF 2024 Test Survey](#)



Survey Key Tips to Remember

- ▶ Always save your work
- ▶ Read the question to make sure you are answering the question with the requested information
- ▶ Review your work before submission
- ▶ To make sure you have submitted your survey – the next time you try to logon you will only have the option to print (or electronically save) your completed work
- ▶ The completion of the survey is a regulatory requirement of the license you accepted
- ▶ Do not hesitate to ask the question if you are unsure
- ▶ If you need to make requests of other units within your agency, do so early so you have enough time to complete the survey by its due date
- ▶ If the nurse manager or administrator has changed at your facility, notify me quickly



Next Steps

▶ Timeline

- ▶ 2024 survey available on Monday August 4, 2025
 - ▶ Logon information will be sent electronically via email
 - ▶ The survey closes after 45 business days from when logon information is distributed (the survey will close on October 6, 2025)



Resources

- ▶ MHCC's Maryland Quality Reporting - Consumer Website
 - ▶ <https://healthcarequality.mhcc.maryland.gov/OutpatientSurgery/ProviderResources>
- ▶ Survey's Instructional Technical Guide
- ▶ Survey's Frequently Asked Question (FAQs)



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