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Dear Ambulatory Surgery Center Owner or Operator:

On behalf of the Washington Ambulatory Surgery Center Association (WASCA), I am writing to remind our existing members to renew their membership and to invite ambulatory surgery centers (ASCs) who currently are not members to join WASCA. WASCA offers its membership:

- Timely educational opportunities;
- Effective legislative advocacy;
- Needed resources for legal information; and
- Useful guidance and assistance with operational issues and strategic concerns.

For 2014, WASCA's legislative advocacy activities in Olympia included:

- Regularly engaging with state regulators to ensure that Washington's ambulatory surgical facility licensing laws are appropriately and consistently interpreted;
- Successfully opposing efforts to increase the level of credential required for surgical technologists in Washington, which would have added requirements and operating costs to ASCs; and
- Successfully advocating for transparency in patient billing to be appropriately tailored to provide useful information to patients, while not unduly burdening providers.

In the area of education, WASCA offered seminars, webinars and other educational opportunities covering a wide range of topics including:

- Ambulatory surgical facility state licensure,
- Medicare Conditions for Coverage,
- Specialty specific billing and coding webinars,
- Infection control, and
- National and local payor trends.

WASCA's vigilance as an association and your involvement in WASCA is essential to shaping the future course of the ASC industry in Washington. By working together, we will continue to make a positive difference in the lives of our patients and healthcare in Washington State. Please renew your membership or join WASCA today.

If you having questions regarding membership in WASCA, I invite you to contact Emily Studebaker (estudebaker@gsblaw.com, (206) 816-1417), Patti McMinn (pattim@wasca.net, (206) 992-3330) or me at hnakano@neospine.net or by phone at (253) 604-1417.

Sincerely,

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