



AMBULATORY SURGERY CENTER
Association

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Dear Representative Zerwas:

The Minnesota Ambulatory Surgery Center Association (MNASCA) is the only state association exclusively representing the interests of ambulatory surgery centers in Minnesota. A list of our current membership is enclosed. As President of MNASCA, I am writing to express our support for your bill, H.F. 523.

As written, H.F. 523 would simply add the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care (AAAHC) to the list of nationally recognized independent organizations that set specific national standards governing the health care quality assurance process, utilization review, provider credentialing, marketing, and other topics covered by statute and audit.

The AAAHC has been surveying and accrediting ambulatory surgery centers since 1979 and holds Medicare deemed status from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). A number of centers already receive AAAHC accreditation and this bill would simply add AAAHC to the list of nationally recognized independent organizations in Minnesota.

MNASCA supports the inclusion of that AAAHC as a nationally recognized independent organization, so long as this change does not ultimately exclude of any other accrediting bodies that are currently recognized.

As written, H.F. 523 would be beneficial to many surgery centers in our state and MNASCA would support this change.

Sincerely,

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Minnesota Ambulatory Surgery Center Association

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MNASCA Membership

- Associated Eye Care ASC – Stillwater
- Avera Medical Group Worthington Surgery Center - Worthington
- Brainerd Lakes Surgery Center – Baxter
- Centennial Lakes Surgery Center – Edina
- CDI Twin Cities ASC – St. Louis Park
- CentraCare Surgery Center – St. Cloud
- Chu Surgery Center – Bloomington
- Crossroads Surgery Center – Faribault
- Crosstown Surgery Center – Edina
- Fairview Maple Grove ASC – Maple Grove
- Family Surgery Center – Willmar
- High Pointe Surgery Center – Lake Elmo
- ILBNC Special Procedures – Plymouth
- Lakewalk Surgery Center – Duluth
- Lakewood Surgery Center – Grand Rapids
- Mankato Clinic Endoscopy - Mankato
- Mankato Surgical Center – Mankato
- Maplewood Surgery Center – Maplewood
- McCannel Eye Surgery – Edina
- Midsota Surgical Suites – St. Cloud
- Midwest Surgery Center – Woodbury
- Minnesota Gastroenterology
- Minnesota Valley Surgery Center – Burnsville
- North Memorial ASC – Maple Grove
- Northwest Eye Clinic – Golden Valley
- Pavilion Surgery Center – Duluth
- Regional Eye Surgery Center – Hutchinson
- Saint Cloud Surgical Center – Saint Cloud
- Southwest Surgical Center – Edina
- Summit Orthopedics
- Tria Orthopedic Center ASC – Bloomington
- Two Twelve Surgery Center - Chaska
- Willmar Surgery Center - Willmar