

Ambulatory Surgical Treatment centers (ASTC) are facilities not under the operation or control of a hospital, primarily providing surgical treatment to patients who do not require hospitalization. ASTC do not admit patients for treatment which normally require overnight stay, nor provide accommodations for treatment of patients for periods of 24 hours or longer.

**Exemptions:**

Federally owned and operated facilities  
Physicians' and dentists' private offices and treatment rooms where practitioners see, consult with and treat patients

**Type Regulation:**

**State:** A facility must obtain a permit. However, certain facilities must first obtain certificate of need in order to be eligible for a permit.

**Federal:** A center choosing to participate in federal programs must be certified.

**Legal Authority:**

**O.C.G.A. § 31-6-40** Certificate of need required for new institutional health services; exemptions

**O.C.G.A. § 31-7-1** Definitions

**O.C.G.A. § 31-7-3** Requirements for permits to operate institutions

**O.C.G.A. § 31-7-5** Exemptions from permit requirements  
[Official Code of Georgia Annotated](#)

**Rules:**

**State:**

- [Rules and Regulations for Ambulatory Surgical Treatment Centers](#), Chapter 290-5-33, effective March 1, 1980
- [Disaster Preparedness Plans](#), Chapter 290-5-45, effective June 7, 1984
- [Enforcement of Licensing Requirements](#), Chapter 290-1-6, effective August 16, 1993
- [Performance of Abortions after the First Trimester of Pregnancy and Reporting Requirements for all Abortions](#), Chapter 290-5-32, effective October 8, 1974
- [Rules and Regulations for Certificate of Need](#), Chapter 111-2-2, effective October 1, 2008

**Federal:**

[Ambulatory Surgical Centers](#), CFR Title 42, Chapter IV, Part 416 (**for those facilities that choose certification**) To obtain additional information about certificate requirements, visit the CMS website, [Ambulatory Surgical Centers \(ASC\) Center](#)

**Fees:**

Permit: No charge