

# CMS INCREASES INSPECTIONS

## OF AMBULATORY SURGICAL CENTERS



*"CMS has committed to inspecting one-third of all ASCs nationwide this year. All ASCs have a responsibility to correct deficient practices. Failing to correct serious deficiencies will mean the risk of termination from the Medicare program."\**  
-HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius

\*<http://www.infectioncontroltoday.com/news/2010/06/hhs-issues-statement-on-recent-study-of-infection.aspx>

## Dempsey Can Help Support Your Infection Control Program

42 CFR 416.51(b) requires that ASCs follow nationally-recognized guidelines for Infection Control and specifically lists Association of periOperative Registered Nurses (AORN) as an acceptable source. 42 CFR §416.41(a) Contract Services Guidelines requires that contractor services must be included in the ASC's QAPI program.

**Attire:** Scrubs, Lab Coats and Barrier Gowns can be rented and laundered by Dempsey.\*\*

**Accreditation:** Surgical attire can be laundered in Dempsey's health care-accredited laundry facility.\*\* Accreditation achieved through the Healthcare Laundry Accreditation Council (HLAC).

**Documentation:** To support your QA/PI program, documentation can be provided by Dempsey to show an assessment of your linen service contractor.



\*\*<http://www.aorn.org/News/October2010News/ATTIRE> "AORN recommends that surgical attire should be laundered in a health care-accredited laundry facility, according to Recommendation V within the RP"

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