

MODERATE (CONSCIOUS) SEDATION

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I. CPT¹ PROCEDURE CODES

99143 - 99145, 99148 - 99150

II. DESCRIPTION

Moderate (conscious) sedation is a drug induced depression of consciousness during which patients respond purposefully to verbal commands, either alone or accompanied by light tactile stimulation.

III. POLICY

A. Conscious sedation is bundled into many procedures. Conscious sedation is not covered separately when provided by the same physician as it is considered an integral part of the primary procedure.

B. If a physician performs a procedure that does not bundle conscious sedation and the same physician also performs moderate sedation, it is appropriate to separately bill CPT¹ procedure codes 99143 - 99145.

C. If a second physician performs conscious sedation (other than the professional performing the diagnostic or therapeutic service) it is appropriate to separately bill CPT¹ procedure codes 99248 - 99150, if the site is in a facility setting.

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