

EPSDT DENTAL PROGRAM
Dental Hospital Calls and Sedation Policy Revisions
Effective for Dates of Service on and After October 7, 2008

POLICY REVISIONS

The following policy revisions are effective for **dates of service on and after October 7, 2008**. These policy revisions replace current policy and apply on the specific information provided below. Additional policy as stated in the 2003 Dental Services Manual and/or the Dental Services Provider Training Packets still applies.

ADJUNCTIVE GENERAL SERVICES

D9230 NITROUS OXIDE – analgesia, anxiolysis, inhalation of nitrous oxide

Current Policy: Nitrous oxide inhalation analgesia is only payable to providers who possess a personal permit for its administration from the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry and administer it in a State Board approved facility. Nitrous oxide is only reimbursable for dates of service on which restorative and/or surgical services (codes D2140 - D4999 and D7140 - D7999) are performed. Nitrous oxide, if provided, should be billed on the same claim form as the restorative and/or surgical service (s). If a claim for payment is received for nitrous oxide and there are no restorative and/or surgical service (s) listed on the claim form or no Medicaid claims history record indicating that a restorative and/or surgical service was previously reimbursed for the same date of service as the nitrous oxide, the payment for nitrous oxide will be denied.

Revised Policy: Nitrous oxide inhalation analgesia is only payable to providers who possess a personal permit for its administration from the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry and administer it in a State Board approved facility. Nitrous oxide is only reimbursable for dates of service on which restorative and/or surgical services (codes D2140 - D4999 and D7140 - D7999) are performed. Nitrous oxide, if provided, should be billed on the same claim form as the restorative and/or surgical service (s). If a claim for payment is received for nitrous oxide and there are no restorative and/or surgical service (s) listed on the claim form or no Medicaid claims history record indicating that a restorative and/or surgical service was previously reimbursed for the same date of service as the nitrous oxide, the payment for nitrous oxide will be denied.

This code is not reimbursable when billed in conjunction with D9248 (Non-intravenous conscious sedation) by any provider.

D9248* NON-INTRAVENOUS CONSCIOUS SEDATION

Current Policy: This service is only reimbursable for children with behavioral problems

under the age of 6 or for older children who are physically or mentally handicapped.

Revised Policy: This service is only reimbursable for children with behavioral problems under the age of 6 or for older children who are physically or mentally handicapped. Non-intravenous conscious sedation is not reimbursable on the same day, by any provider as procedure codes D9230 (Nitrous Oxide) and D9920 (Behavior Management).

D9420* HOSPITAL CALL

Current Policy: This code may be reimbursed when providing treatment in hospital outpatient clinic or outpatient ambulatory surgical center, in addition to reporting appropriate code numbers for actual services performed. Those services must be covered under the EPSDT Dental Program.

Revised Policy: This code may be reimbursed when providing treatment in hospital outpatient clinic or outpatient ambulatory surgical center, in addition to reporting appropriate code numbers for actual services performed. A hospital call is only reimbursable for dates of service on which restorative and/or surgical services (codes D2140 - D4999 and D7140 - D7999) are performed. A hospital call, if provided, should be billed on the same claim form as the restorative and/or surgical service (s). If a claim for payment is received for a hospital call and there are no restorative and/or surgical service (s) listed on the claim form or no Medicaid claims history record indicating that a restorative and/or surgical service was previously reimbursed for the same date of service as the hospital call, the payment for the hospital call will be denied.

D9920* BEHAVIOR MANAGEMENT

Current Policy: Behavior management is reimbursable for recipients below the age of eight, unless documentation indicates that the recipient is physically or mentally handicapped. The particular handicap and its impact on the delivery of dental treatment in the office setting must be stated in the "Remarks" section in the request for prior authorization.

Revised Policy: Behavior management is reimbursable for recipients below the age of eight, unless documentation indicates that the recipient is physically or mentally handicapped. The particular handicap and its impact on the delivery of dental treatment in the office setting must be stated in the "Remarks" section in the request for prior authorization. Behavior management is not reimbursable when billed in conjunction with D9248 (Non-intravenous conscious sedation) on the same day, by any provider.

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