

MOLINA-OH-D | Utilization Review Criteria - Anesthesia Services

Purpose

To ensure consistent and equitable determination of coverage for Anesthesia during dental services, following ODM Appendix A to rule 5160 and Molina Healthcare of Ohio Dental Provider Manual Clinical Criteria.

Policy

It is expected that procedures performed will comply with these guidelines and exceptions are minimal. SKYGEN USA, LLC utilizes Ohio 5160-5-01, Molina Ohio Clinical Criteria, and EPSDT standards for members under 21.

Anesthesia

Payment for anesthesia services includes analgesic and anesthetic agents

Intravenous moderate conscious sedation/analgesia Deep sedation/general anesthesia

- Anesthesia is generally covered for surgical or restorative procedures.
- Payment may also be made when a patient would not be unable to undergo a nonsurgical procedure without sedation.
- Payment for intravenous conscious sedation/analgesia services is limited to one unit of the first 15 minutes and up to four units of subsequent 15 minute increments per date of service.
- Payment for deep sedation/general anesthesia services is limited to one unit of the first 15 minutes and up to four units of subsequent 15 minutes increments per date of service.

Additional Clinical Criteria:

General anesthesia/IV sedation (dental office setting) - one or more of the criteria below

- PA not required
- Extractions of impacted or unerupted cuspids or wisdom teeth or surgical exposure of unerupted cuspids
- Two or more extractions in two or more quadrants
- Four or more extractions in one quadrant
- Excision of lesions greater than 1.25cm
- Surgical recovery from the maxillary antrum
- Documentation that patient is less than nine years old with extensive treatment (described)
- Documentation of failed local anesthesia and documentation noted in patient record
- Documentation of situational anxiety and documentation noted in patient record
- Documentation and narrative of Medical Necessity supported by submitted medical records (cardiac, cerebral palsy, epilepsy or condition that would render patient noncompliant)

Therapeutic drug injection

- Description of drugs (antibiotics, steroids, anti-inflammation or other therapeutic medication) and parental administration
- Documentation must be maintained in the patient's clinical record