

	MEDICAL ASSISTANCE BULLETIN COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA * DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE	
	ISSUE DATE: August 22, 2005	EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2005
SUBJECT: Dental Fee Increase for Anesthesia and Behavior Management Services		BY:  David S. Feinberg Deputy Secretary for Medical Assistance Programs

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this bulletin is to notify dentists that effective July 1, 2005, the Department of Public Welfare (Department):

1. Retroactively increased fees for dental anesthesia services and dental behavior management; and
2. Added a new a dental anesthesia code to the MA Program Dental Fee Schedule.

NOTE: IF YOU ARE OWED ADDITIONAL MONEY AS A RESULT OF THESE RETROACTIVE FEE INCREASES, THE DEPARTMENT WILL AUTOMATICALLY PROCESS CLAIM ADJUSTMENTS TO REIMBURSE YOU. PLEASE DO NOT FILE CLAIM ADJUSTMENTS FOR THESE SERVICES.

SCOPE:

This bulletin applies to all dentists enrolled in the Medical Assistance (MA) Program who provide dental services in the fee-for-service (FFS) and ACCESS Plus delivery systems.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

Given the Department's interest in continuing to ensure access to dental services for the MA population, especially individuals with special health care needs, the Department is implementing specific fee increases and adding an additional procedure code for payment.

PROCEDURE:

The Department announces that effective retroactively to July 1, 2005, the following fees for dental anesthesia and behavior management services were increased as follows:

Procedure Code	Description of Service	New MA Fee
D9220	Deep Sedation/General Anesthesia	\$ 244.00
D9230	Analgesia, Anxiolysis, Inhalation of Nitrous Oxide	\$ 44.00
D9241	Intravenous Conscious Sedation/ Analgesia	\$ 257.00
D9248	Non-Intravenous Conscious Sedation	\$ 184.00
D9920	Behavior Management	\$ 78.00

Effective July 1, 2005, the Department added Procedure Code D9221, Deep Sedation/General Anesthesia - each additional 15 minutes, to the MA FFS Dental Fee Schedule. When appropriately utilized in conjunction with Procedure Code D9220, this may be billed once per patient per day.

Procedure Code	Description of Service	New MA Fee
D9221	Deep Sedation/General Anesthesia- each additional 15 minutes	\$ 105.00

The PA PROMISe™ Provider Handbook - 837 Dental/ADA - Version 2000 Claim Form located in the Provider Information Section of the Office of Medical Assistance Programs website at <http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/omap> has been updated with these changes.

Providers should make the following pen and ink changes to the Dental Services Handbook (hard copy) that was issued prior to the implementation of PROMISe™ and the on-line version.

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Please add the following information:

A dentist is eligible for payment only for deep sedation/general anesthesia - **first 30 minutes** (Procedure Code D9220), **deep sedation/general anesthesia - additional 15 minutes (Procedure code D9221)**, Intravenous (I.V.) sedation/analgesia (Procedure Code D9241), non-intravenous conscious sedation (Procedure Code D9248) and nitrous oxide (Procedure Code D9230) provided in the dentist's office or a dental clinic in conjunction with a compensable surgical procedure.

Please replace pages 1, 2, and 15 of the MA Program Schedule Fee Schedule for Dental Services (Attachment D to MA Bulletin 03-03-02, titled "Medical Assistance Program Fee Schedule for Dental Services Revisions", issued May 12, 2003 and effective June 1, 2003).

Attachment: Replacement pages to Attachment D of MA Bulletin 03-03-02

COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS BULLETIN SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO:

The appropriate toll-free number for your provider type.
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