Subject: Moderate Sedation*

Effective Date: May 1, 1999

Department(s): Utilization Management

Policy: Moderate sedation is reimbursable under Plans administered by QualCare, Inc., according to criteria in this policy.

Objective: To provide proper and consistent reimbursement and to delineate circumstances under which moderate sedation is covered.

Procedure: For patients who require moderate sedation:

A. Administration of moderate sedation by the physician performing the procedure (CPT 99143, 99144, 99145) is included in the reimbursement for the procedure.

B. If the services of an anesthesiologist are required (CPT 99148, 99149, 99150), the moderate sedation will be reimbursed separately if not part of the global facility fee.

References


Barss VA, Plan-Smith MCM. Intravenous conscious sedation for gynecologic procedures. *UpToDate* v 17.1 September 22, 2008. available at www.uptodate.com/online/content/topic.do?topicKey=gyn_proc/2239&view=print accessed 07/24/09


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*Consistent with Specific Plan Design (SPD); in the event of discordance between this policy and the SPD, the provisions of the SPD shall prevail.