

MODERATE SEDATION, CPTS 99152 & 99153

These codes are billed from intraservice time. The physician must be present at the time of first administration push. Time is calculated from face-to-face time which is intraservice. Pre and post service works are not part of the time calculation. A minimum of 10 minutes of intraservice time is required to report any moderate sedation code.

Documentation requirements include

Minimum of 10 minutes intraservice time

Physician face-to-face time with the patient during moderate sedation

The presence of an independent trained observer

An "independent trained observer" is required when the physician performing the procedure oversees the moderate sedation. This individual monitors the patient throughout the procedure and should not have other duties that interfere with this responsibility.

RECOMMENDATION

"Performing physician was personally responsible for administration of sedation during the procedure performed. The patient was continuously monitored during the procedure by an independent trained {nurse/observer}, using automated blood pressure EKG and pulse oximetry measurements; The face-to-face procedure time was {XX} minutes.