

## Chapter 3

## Section 1.2

# Moderate (Conscious) Sedation

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### 1.0 CPT<sup>1</sup> PROCEDURE CODES

99143 - 99145, 99148 - 99150

### 2.0 DESCRIPTION

Moderate (conscious) sedation is a drug induced depression of consciousness during which patients respond purposefully to verbal commands, either alone or accompanied by light tactile stimulation.

### 3.0 POLICY

**3.1** Conscious sedation is bundled into many procedures. Conscious sedation is not covered separately when provided by the same physician as it is considered an integral part of the primary procedure.

**3.2** If a physician performs a procedure that does not bundle conscious sedation and the same physician also performs moderate sedation, it is appropriate to separately bill CPT<sup>1</sup> procedure codes 99143 - 99145.

**3.3** If a second physician performs conscious sedation (other than the professional performing the diagnostic or therapeutic service) it is appropriate to separately bill CPT<sup>1</sup> procedure codes 99248 - 99150, if the site is in a facility setting.

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