

UHC Dental TX
Interim Guidance for New Non-IV Conscious Sedation Codes

Effective January 1, 2026, Code D9248 (Non-IV Conscious Sedation) will be discontinued and will no longer be recognized as a valid payable code.

As UHC Dental awaits official guidance from HHSC regarding fees and allowances, we have developed the following interim guidance to ensure continuity. The discontinued code, newly adopted codes, and associated **limitations outlined below will apply to dates of service on or after January 1, 2026.**

Please note: **The reimbursement rates listed for each code have not yet been established by HHSC.** Payment at the appropriate rate will occur once the rate hearing process is complete, and any necessary reimbursement adjustments will be implemented at that time. Refer to your contracted Fee Schedule for the interim fees.

Frequency, Limitations, Documentation Requirements

New Code	Description	Code being Replaced	Prior Auth Required	Documentation Requirements	Clinical Criteria	Frequency	Sedation Permit Level
9244	in-office administration of minimal sedation – single drug – enteral	D9248	Yes	Narrative of necessity Name of drug	Non-Intravenous Sedation may be indicated for the following situations: • Individuals with physical, cognitive, or developmental disabilities • Mild to moderate apprehension and anxiety	2 per 12 months	Level 1
9245	administration of moderate sedation – enteral	D9248	Yes	Narrative of necessity Name of drug	Non-Intravenous Sedation may be indicated for the following situations: • Individuals with physical, cognitive, or developmental disabilities • Mild to moderate apprehension and anxiety	2 per 12 months	Level 2
9246	administration of moderate sedation – non-intravenous parenteral – first 15-minute increment, or any portion thereof	D9248	Yes	Anesthesia/Sedation Record including start time and stop time Narrative of necessity	Non-Intravenous Sedation may be indicated for the following situations: • Individuals with physical, cognitive, or developmental disabilities • Mild to moderate	1 per day per provider	Level 3

					apprehension and anxiety		
9247	administration of moderate sedation – non-intravenous parenteral – each subsequent 15-minute increment, or any portion thereof	D9248	Yes	Anesthesia/Sedation Record including start time and stop time Narrative of necessity	Non-Intravenous Sedation may be indicated for the following situations: • Individuals with physical, cognitive, or developmental disabilities • Mild to moderate apprehension and anxiety	5 per day per provider	Level 3