

Anesthesia dentist information

Overview

Together, we strive to deliver best-in-class care for patients. As such, we require dentists who perform sedation and general anesthesia services within their practice to provide to UnitedHealthcare:

- The type of sedation/general anesthesia they administer
- Their sedation/general anesthesia permit/certificate information, which may vary from state to state

Frequently asked questions

When did the new sedation/general anesthesia credentialing policy become effective?

The policy was put into effect in the second quarter of 2020.

When are dentists required to provide the sedation/general anesthesia information?

The sedation/general anesthesia information is required when:

- Non-participating dentists want to join UnitedHealthcare dental network(s)
- Participating offices add new associates who need to be credentialed
- Dentists are scheduled for recredentialing

Where can I get a copy of the UnitedHealthcare dentist credentialing/recredentialing application?

- To request a copy of the application, go to uhcdental.com, select the Join Our Network tab and complete the provider packet request form
- When you are scheduled to be recredentialed, you will receive a notification with options on how to supply your credentialing application

I recently submitted my credentialing/recredentialing application without the sedation/general anesthesia information. Do I need to resubmit my application?

Yes. If your credentialing/recredentialing application is missing the sedation/general anesthesia information, your application will be considered incomplete. You will be notified to supply the sedation/general anesthesia information.

I recently received my new sedation/general anesthesia permit/license from the state. Do I need to provide a copy of my new permit/license to UnitedHealthcare?

Yes. Please contact UnitedHealthcare about your new sedation/general anesthesia permit/license:

- If you are scheduled to be recredentialed, you will receive instructions on how to provide your sedation/general anesthesia information
- If you are not scheduled to be recredentialed, please reach out to us at uhc_anesthesia@uhc.com. We will send you the UnitedHealthcare supplemental form to complete your sedation/general anesthesia information.

What sedation/general anesthesia information will UnitedHealthcare be collecting?

We collect the following information from dentists at the time of initial credentialing and recredentialing:

- Type of sedation/general anesthesia performed by the dentist:

- Deep sedation/general anesthesia
- Moderate/conscious sedation (all types)
- Minimal sedation (all types)
- Pediatric moderate/conscious
- Sedation (all types)
- Nitrous oxide
- Sedation/general anesthesia permit/license number and expiration date
- State in which services are provided
- Current anesthesia license, permit, certificate or completed training for District of Columbia, Illinois, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Virginia (American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons certificate only), Virgin Islands
- Michigan – completed Michigan General Anesthesia and Sedation Attestation form

Does the new sedation/general anesthesia credentialing policy apply to all UnitedHealthcare dental networks and provider types?

Yes. The new policy applies to all UnitedHealthcare dental networks (Commercial, Medicare and Medicaid) and the following provider types:

- General dentist
- Oral surgeon
- Periodontist
- Pediatric
- Endodontist
- Orthodontist
- Prosthodontist

Our office does not administer any type of sedation/general anesthesia. Do we still need to complete the sedation/anesthesia information?

Yes. All dentists must complete the sedation/anesthesia information on the UnitedHealthcare dentist application form or the UnitedHealthcare supplemental form.* If you do not administer any type of sedation or general anesthesia, answer “No” to question #3: “Do you administer any form of sedation and/or general anesthesia?”

What sedation/general anesthesia information is required?

The following is a sample of the required sedation/anesthesia information found on the UnitedHealthcare dentist application form or UnitedHealthcare supplemental form.

Sedation/Anesthesia Information (applies to dentists only; not applicable to local anesthesia)						
1. Are any forms of sedation and/or general anesthesia administered by anyone in your practice location? (Refer to CDT codes under Section 1, XII. Adjunctive General Services, Anesthesia. If yes, please continue to question 2. If no, do not complete 2 to 5)						<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
2. Do you have healthcare clinicians (DDS, MD, CRNA), other than yourself, providing sedation and/or general anesthesia on patients you are treating at your practice location?						<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
3. Do you (the applicant) administer any form of sedation and/or general anesthesia? (If yes, please continue to 4 and 5 and sign and date below. If no, do not complete 4 and 5, signature not required below.)						<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
4. Please select the type(s) of sedation you (the applicant) administer and provide your applicable permit/license information below:						
<input type="checkbox"/> Deep Sedation/General Anesthesia	Permit/License #	Exp. Date:	/ /	State:	<input type="checkbox"/> No state-issued permit/license	
<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate/Conscious Sedation (all types)	Permit/License #	Exp. Date:	/ /	State:	<input type="checkbox"/> No state-issued permit/license	
<input type="checkbox"/> Minimal Sedation (all types)	Permit/License #	Exp. Date:	/ /	State:	<input type="checkbox"/> No state-issued permit/license	
<input type="checkbox"/> Pediatric Moderate/Conscious Sedation (all types)	Permit/License #	Exp. Date:	/ /	State:	<input type="checkbox"/> No state-issued permit/license	
<input type="checkbox"/> Nitrous Oxide	Permit/License #	Exp. Date:	/ /	State:	<input type="checkbox"/> No state-issued permit/license	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Sedation Type:	Permit/License #	Exp. Date:	/ /	State:	<input type="checkbox"/> No state-issued permit/license	
5. Please select if you are an Owner or Associate and sign and date below:						
<input type="checkbox"/> Owner:	Please confirm that you comply with and have verified that each of those individuals providing patients with any form or level of sedation, anesthesia and/or nitrous oxide comply with all State requirements, including, but not limited to, those regarding equipment, supplies and training.					
<input type="checkbox"/> Associate:	Please confirm that you comply with all State requirements in providing patients with any form or level of sedation, anesthesia and/or nitrous oxide, including, but not limited to, those regarding equipment, supplies and training.					
Practitioner Signature:					Date:	

*UnitedHealthcare will not accept responses through the phone or email outside of the UnitedHealthcare dentist application form or UnitedHealthcare supplemental form.

Does the new policy apply to local anesthesia?

No. Local anesthesia is considered part of restorative, endodontic, periodontal, prosthodontic, oral and maxillofacial surgical and implant services procedures, and is not applicable to the new policy.

What are the specific CDT® codes that correlate with sedation/general anesthesia administered?

The following codes identify the type of sedation/general anesthesia. They are subject to change based on CDT code updates, etc.

D9210	Local anesthesia not in conjunction with operative or surgical procedures
D9211	Regional block anesthesia
D9212	Trigeminal division block anesthesia
D9215	Local anesthesia in conjunction with operative or surgical procedures
D9219	Evaluation for moderate sedation, deep sedation or general anesthesia
D9222	Deep sedation/general anesthesia – first 15 minutes
D9223	Deep sedation/general anesthesia – each subsequent 15-minute increment
D9230	Inhalation of nitrous oxide/analgesia, anxiolysis
D9239	Intravenous moderate (conscious) sedation/analgesia – first 15 minutes
D9243	Intravenous moderate (conscious) sedation/analgesia – each 15-minute increment
D9248	Non-intravenous conscious sedation (This includes non-IV minimal and moderate sedation.)

I am currently using the CAQH®/state application. Will these applications be updated with the sedation/general anesthesia information?

No. You may continue to use the CAQH/state application and separately complete the UnitedHealthcare supplemental form (if applicable), which is included in the provider packet you receive from a network contractor.

Will the new policy also cover sedation/general anesthesia in the member's dental benefit?

The new policy does not affect UnitedHealthcare member dental benefits related to sedation/general anesthesia services. Please contact our Customer Service team at **800-822-5353** to verify member benefits.

Who can answer my questions about the new sedation/general anesthesia credentialing policy?

Please submit all inquiries to uhc_anesthesia@uhc.com.