

Striving to be **Best in Class** is a key goal to UnitedHealthcare (UHC). As such, UHC will require Dentists who perform sedation/general anesthesia services within their practice to provide:

- a) the type of sedation/general anesthesia they administer
- b) their sedation/general anesthesia permit/certificate information (which may vary from state to state)

1. When will the new sedation/general anesthesia credentialing policy become effective?

Second quarter of 2020

2. When will Dentists be required to provide the sedation/general anesthesia information?

After the new policy becomes effective, the sedation/general anesthesia information will be required when:

- Non-Participating Dentists want to join the UHC network(s)
- Participating offices add new associates who need to be credentialed
- Dentists are scheduled to be re-credentialed

3. Where can we get a copy of updated UHC Dentist Credentialing/Re-credentialing Application?

You only need a copy of the updated UHC Dentist Credentialing/Re-credentialing Application if:

- a. You are adding new associates to your office or want to join the UHC network. You may request a copy of the updated UHC Dentist Credentialing Application* by visiting uhcdental.com and going to the 'Join Our Network' page.
- b. You are scheduled to be re-credentialed; you will receive a notification with options to supply your credentialing application.

*The updated application form will not be available until the policy becomes effective during the second quarter of 2020.

4. I recently submitted my credentialing/re-credentialing application without the sedation/general anesthesia information; do I need to resubmit my application?

No, if the policy becomes effective after you submitted your credentialing/re-credentialing application without the sedation/general anesthesia information, you will receive a notification with options to supply your credentialing application and the sedation/general anesthesia information on your next re-credentialing date.

5. What sedation/general anesthesia information will UHC be collecting?

UHC will be collecting the following information from Dentists at the time of initial credentialing and at each re-credentialing:

- a. Type of sedation/general anesthesia performed:
 - I. Deep Sedation/General Anesthesia
 - II. Moderate/Conscious Sedation (all types)
 - III. Minimal Sedation (all types)
 - IV. Pediatric Moderate/Conscious Sedation (all types)
 - V. Nitrous Oxide
- b. Sedation/general anesthesia permit/license # and expiration date
- c. State in which services are provided

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

Yes, the new policy will apply to all UHC dental networks (Commercial, Medicare and Medicaid) and the following provider types:

- General Dentist
- Oral Surgeon
- Periodontist
- Pediatric
- Endodontist
- Orthodontist
- Prosthodontist

7. Our office does not administer any type of sedation/general anesthesia; will the new policy still apply to our participating Dentists?

Yes, all Dentists, even if they do not administer any type of sedation or general anesthesia, must confirm whether or not they administer sedation/general anesthesia in their practice and complete the applicable Sedation/Anesthesia Information on the updated UHC Dentist Application form at the time of initial credentialing and at each re-credentialing.

8. Our participating Dentists do not administer sedation/general anesthesia themselves, but we utilize an Anesthesiologist/Anesthesia Group to administer these services; do they need to be contracted with UHC?

Contracting and credentialing of other healthcare clinicians such as Anesthesiologists in the dental network will be part of Phase 2 and rolled out at a later date.

9. What sedation/general anesthesia fields were added to the updated UHC Dentist Application?

Below is the sedation/anesthesia information that was added to the updated UHC Dentist Application:

SEDATION/ANESTHESIA INFORMATION (APPLIES TO DENTISTS ONLY)

1. Are any forms of sedation and/or general anesthesia administered BY ANYONE in your practice location? Yes No
(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)

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? Yes No

3. Do YOU administer any form of sedation and/or general anesthesia? Yes No
(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.)

4. Please select the type(s) of sedation you administer and provide the applicable permit/license information below:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Deep Sedation/General Anesthesia | Permit/License # | Exp. Date | State | <input type="checkbox"/> No state-issued permit/license |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Moderately/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 Moderately/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:

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.

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: ____/____/____

11. I am currently using the CAQH/State application to submit your credentialing and re-credentialing requirements; will these applications be updated with the sedation/general anesthesia information?

No, but you may continue to use the CAQH/State application and separately complete the UHC Sedation-Anesthesia Supplemental Form (if applicable) included in the provider packet you receive from a network contractor or with the re-credentialing notification letter.

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

The new policy will not affect UHC member's dental benefit related to sedation/general anesthesia services. Please contact our Customer Service at **1-800-822-5353** to verify member benefits.

13. Where do we send our inquiries or questions regarding the new sedation/general anesthesia credentialing policy?

Please submit all questions or inquiries to uhc_anesthesia@uhc.com

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

The following are the CDT codes that correlate with the types of anesthesia administered. These codes are subject to change from time to time based on code updates, etc.

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| 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.) |