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Rate Correction for Dental Anesthesiologists

On October 1, 2006 rates for dental anesthesia were implemented to provide parity in rates for anesthesia services provided by dental anesthesiologists or physician anesthesiologists. The rates implemented were in error.

The rates have been corrected and are as follows:

- D9220 (Deep sedation/general anesthesia - first 30 minutes) shall be payable at the rate of \$91.35 for the first 30 minutes.
- D9221 (Deep sedation/general anesthesia - each additional 15 minutes) shall be payable at the rate of \$14.01 for each additional 15 minutes.
- D9241 (Intravenous conscious sedation/analgesia - first 30 minutes) shall be payable at the rate of \$42.14 for the first 30 minutes.
- D9242 (Intravenous conscious sedation/analgesia - each additional 15 minutes) shall be payable at the rate of \$21.07 for each additional 15 minutes.

Providers are also reminded of the following:

- The Operating Room (OR) report or anesthesia report indicating the start and stop time for the administered anesthesia must be submitted with the payment request.
- Increments of time less than five minutes are not reimbursable except when the total anesthesia time is less than five minutes.
- The last anesthesia time increment rendered may be rounded up to a whole unit if it equals or exceeds five minutes.
- If the last anesthesia time increment provided is less than five minutes, it is not payable as an additional unit of time.

This policy applies to dates of service beginning on and after March 2, 2010 and will be subject to the one percent payment reduction.

For questions, please contact the Denti-Cal Telephone Service Center at (800) 423-0507.