



AETNA BETTER HEALTH® d/b/a Aetna Better Health of Illinois Policy

Place of Service Policy: Moderate Sedation			
Policy Name: Service in a Non-Facility Setting by a Second Physician	Page:	1 of 1	
Department: Medical Policy & Program Solutions			
Subsection:	Effective Date:	12/01/2020	
Applies to: Aetna Better Health of Illinois			

PURPOSE: Per Aetna Better Health of Illinois Policy, which is based on the AMA/CPT manual, According to the AMA CPT Manual, moderate sedation services performed by a second physician/provider should only be reported in a facility setting.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTIVE/OVERVIEW:

When a second physician other than the health care professional performing the diagnostic or therapeutic services provides moderate (conscious) sedation in the facility setting, the second physician reports the associated moderate sedation procedure/service. When these services are performed by the second physician in a non-facility setting, the associated moderate sedation services are not reported.

DEFINITIONS:

Conscious Sedation	A drug-induced depression of consciousness during which patients respond purposefully to verbal commands, either alone or accompanied by light tactile stimulation. No interventions are required to maintain a patent airway, and spontaneous ventilation is adequate. Cardiovascular function is usually maintained. For example, a patient undergoing the reduction of a dislocated large joint (shoulder) may require this form of sedation to tolerate the procedure.
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LEGAL/CONTRACT REFERENCE:

Review/Revision History	