

NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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Pursuant to
Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-901.03

To: Nebraska Medicaid Managed Care Plans
From: Drew Gonshorowski, Director *DG*
Date: June 2, 2025
Re: General Anesthesia in the Dental Office

This health plan advisory is being issued to notify the Heritage Health Plans that Nebraska Medicaid will reimburse physician anesthesiologists and certified registered nurse anesthetists (CRNA) for general anesthesia in the dental office **effective August 1, 2025**.

Nebraska Medicaid currently reimburses dental anesthesiologists who provide general anesthesia in the dental office. The expansion of physician anesthesiologist and CRNA services in the dental office setting is intended to increase access to dental care.


Billing and Reimbursement

The Nebraska Medicaid dental fee schedule rates will apply. Current rates for applicable dental anesthesia services are shown below.

To view rates, visit: <http://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/Medicaid-Provider-Rates-and-Fee-Schedules.aspx>

Anesthesiologists and CRNAs must be enrolled with Nebraska Medicaid. Providers can bill the procedures codes listed in the table below and must use the current CMS-1500 claim form.

Procedure Code	Description	Rate
D9219	Evaluation for moderate sedation, deep sedation or general anesthesia	\$50.32
D9222	Deep sedation / general anesthesia – first 15 minutes	\$119.04
D9223	Deep sedation / general anesthesia – each subsequent 15-minute increment	\$109.58
D9239	Intravenous moderate (conscious) sedation/analgesia – first 15 minutes	\$68.99
D9243	Intravenous moderate (conscious) sedation/analgesia – each subsequent 15-minute increment	\$68.99



If you have questions regarding this advisory, please contact via email at:

DHHS.MedicaidDental@nebraska.gov. Health plans should also copy their contract manager.

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