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Clarification of Louisiana Medicaid Policy Regarding Pediatric Moderate Conscious Sedation

The intent and reimbursement methodology of the Medicaid fee-for-service policy related to pediatric moderate conscious sedation has not changed. It is only separately payable for recipients from birth to age 13 (with exceptions made through age 20) as indicated in Medicaid policy. Providers are to use the updated procedure codes for the moderate sedation services when medically necessary for recipients in this age range. Separate reimbursement for recipients age 21 and older is not payable.

In 2017, the Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) manual made some code and description changes which did not change Medicaid policy or reduce reimbursement for the procedure codes that were previously indicated with the moderate sedation symbol. Providers are to continue to submit claims in the same manner when performing these services. Please refer to the Anesthesia section of the Medicaid Professional Services provider manual for the complete policy.