

# Dental Provider Bulletin

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## Guidelines for Sedation Permits

Dentists providing sedation or anesthesia services must have the appropriate permit from the Nebraska Board of Dentistry for the level of sedation or anesthesia provided.

All practice locations where a dentist administers minimal sedation, moderate sedation, or deep sedation/general anesthesia, must have the required permit, and comply with the Nebraska Board of Dentistry guidelines.

Molina Dental Services must have on file a copy of the permit prior to rendering sedation services as follows:

- A licensed dentist may administer inhalation analgesia in the practice of dentistry without a permit pursuant to the act.
- Minimal sedation or moderate sedation shall not be administered by a dentist without the presence and assistance of a licensed dental hygienist or a dental assistant.
- Deep sedation/general anesthesia administration requires the presence of the operating dentist and a separate anesthesia provider.
- A licensed dental hygienist may administer and titrate nitrous oxide analgesia under the indirect supervision of a licensed dentist, unless otherwise specified by the state in which the provider practices.

Dental Providers who are providing sedation services for codes D9223, D9243, and D9248 must have the appropriate permits for the level of sedation provided.

Sedation Type	License/Permit	Codes	Code Description
Nitrous/Analgesia Gas	Nebraska Dental License	D9230	Inhalation Of Nitrous/Analgesia, Anxiolysis
Non-IV Conscious Sedation	Minimal Sedation Permit	D9248	Non-Intravenous Conscious Sedation
IV Moderate Sedation	Moderate Sedation Permit	D9239	Intravenous Moderate (Conscious) Sedation/Analgesia - First 15 Minutes
		D9243	Intravenous Moderate (Conscious) Sedation/Analgesia - Each Subsequent 15 Minute Increment
Deep Sedation/General Anesthesia	General/Deep Sedation Permit	D9222	Deep Sedation/General Anesthesia - First 15 Minutes
		D9223	Deep Sedation / General Anesthesia - Each Subsequent 15 Minute Increment

Should you have any questions or need further clarification, do not hesitate to contact our provider services department at (855-806-5192), Phone hours: 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. CST, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.