

Dental Provider Bulletin

From Molina Healthcare of Nebraska

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Guidelines for Dental Services Rendered in an Outpatient or Ambulatory Service Center (ASC)

Molina Healthcare of Nebraska has made updates to the guidelines for submitting claims for dental therapeutic services and other procedures performed at a hospital outpatient or ambulatory surgical center (ASC) under our health plan.

Please ensure the following information is included with all claims:

1. **CDT Codes:** Submit all CDT codes for treatment completed, along with the D9420 (electronic ADA form, 2012 ADA, or newer, claim form).
2. **Rationale for D9420:** Include rationale for the use of D9420, including factors such as age, extent of caries, mental/physical handicap, description of accident, behavior/phobia, and documentation of any failed sedation.
3. **Location of Procedures:** Specify the location where the procedures were performed (hospital or ambulatory surgical center).
4. **Coding Guidelines:**
 - When treating a member in a hospital or ASC, code D9420 should be used for each member along with all completed treatment. Do not code D9222 for these cases, as the member's medical insurance will cover anesthesia costs.
 - D9420 will only be paid once per day per facility per state regulations. If multiple members are seen in one day, D9420 will be paid for only one member and denied for the others. However, please use this code for every member undergoing general anesthesia, even if denied.
 - Include rationale for member needing general anesthesia when using code D9420 (e.g., age, extent of caries, behavior/phobia with any failed sedation attempts, description of accident, etc.).
 - Providers using D9222/9223 with a deep sedation/general anesthesia permit will not need to use code D9420.
5. **Prior Authorization:** Prior authorization is not required for D9420 or D9222/9223. Claims are subject to pre-payment review.

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.