

## **New Anesthesia Benefit (D9230, D9248)**

Effective September 1, 2009, analgesia, anxiolysis, inhalation of nitrous oxide (D9230) and non-intravenous conscious sedation (D9248) are being added as covered benefits under United Concordia's standard fee for service dental programs. This change does not apply to the TRICARE Dental Program (TDP) and the Active Duty Dental Program (ADDP).

The following limitations and policy will apply:

- **Analgesia, Anxiolysis, Inhalation of Nitrous Oxide (D9230)**
  - Covered for members age 12 or younger
  - Integral if provided on the same date by the same provider as IV sedation (D9241, D9242), non-intravenous conscious sedation (D9248) or general anesthesia (D9220, D9221)

The need for D9230 must be documented in the patient's record. This procedure is not covered when it is the dentist's usual practice to offer it to all patients.

- **Non-Intravenous Conscious Sedation (D9248)**
  - Covered for members age 12 or younger
  - Integral if provided on the same date by the same provider as IV sedation (D9241, D9242) or general anesthesia (D9220, D9221)

Non-intravenous conscious sedation is eligible, by report, when determined to be medically or dentally necessary for documented handicapped or uncontrollable members or justifiable medical or dental conditions. The report must detail the patient's condition.

No benefit will be available when provided primarily for the convenience of the patient and/or the dentist.

***NOTE: Some groups may choose to not provide coverage for these procedures. You can verify coverage on United Concordia's website via My Patients' Benefits.***