

# PROVIDER BULLETIN

## PROVIDER INFORMATION



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### **Dental Anesthesia in an Office Setting**

Effective February 1, 2023, Blue Cross will no longer reimburse general anesthesia or intravenous sedation, Current Dental Terminology (CDT) codes D9222 and D9223, in an office setting, unless the member's medical plan provides coverage for the related dental services (ex: removal of impacted teeth). Typically, most dental care is provided in an office setting using local anesthesia. Under certain circumstances, it may be necessary to perform medical-dental procedures in a hospital or outpatient surgical facility using intravenous sedation or general anesthesia. Anesthesia is only reimbursable under a member's medical Plan when performed in conjunction with a medically necessary covered procedure.

These services may be covered under the member's dental plans and should be billed to members' Dental Plans, if applicable.

**Products Impacted:** Commercial Only