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RE: Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists Coding and Billing

Dear Provider,

OHCA has identified several common issues regarding billing for deep sedation anesthesia, other than nitrous oxide, rendered by Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNA) for dental procedures.

Billing for deep sedation anesthesia rendered by CRNAs for dental procedures should follow these general guidelines:

- CRNAs rendering services for **SoonerCare fee-for-service** members must have an active SoonerCare contract with OHCA.
- CRNAs rendering services for **SoonerSelect** members must have an active contract with OHCA **and** be contracted with the member's SoonerSelect health plan. Contract information for the SoonerSelect health plans can be found on the SoonerSelect [provider page](#).
- CRNAs must be listed as the individual servicing or rendering provider on claim submissions. O.A.C. 317:30-3-1(b) states, "Payment to practitioners under Medicaid is made for services clearly identifiable as personally rendered services performed on behalf of a specific member. There are no exceptions to personally rendered services unless specifically set out in coverage guidelines."
- CRNAs must bill using the appropriate medical Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS)/Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) code(s) for the services rendered.
 - Medical claims for CRNA-administered anesthesia services submitted on behalf of **SoonerCare fee-for-service members** should be submitted to **OHCA** for processing.



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- Medical claims for CRNA-administered anesthesia services submitted for **SoonerSelect members** should be submitted to the member's **SoonerSelect health plan** for processing.
- CRNAs should **not** bill for services rendered using a Current Dental Terminology (CDT) code.
 - CDT codes are reserved for dental practitioners or dental specialists who are permitted to render deep sedation (refer to O.A.C. 317:30-5-696.1) and personally perform the deep sedation anesthesia.
 - Dental claims submitted on behalf of **SoonerCare fee-for-service members** should be submitted to **OHCA** for processing.
 - Dental claims submitted for **SoonerSelect members** should be submitted to the member's **SoonerSelect dental plan** for processing.

The agency strongly encourages all dental practitioners using CRNA services for in-office sedation, other than nitrous oxide, to review their agreements with OHCA and OHCA policy to ensure all billing practices comply with federal regulations, state policies, documentation standards and other requirements.

If you have any questions, please contact the OHCA Provider Helpline for assistance at 800-522-0114.

Thank you for your continued commitment to providing services for SoonerCare and SoonerSelect members.

Sincerely,

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