

Sedation now requires the provider to document their “intra service” time.

Time Begins with the administration of sedating agents and

Time Ends when the physician or qualified health care professional finishes the procedure, the patient is ready to go to recovery and the provider who performs moderate sedation ends “personal continuous face to face time with the patient,” (When the physician leaves the room)

Work that counts as intra-service time includes:

1. Ordering and/or administering sedating agents as needed
2. Requires continuous “Face to Face” attendance of physician or other qualified healthcare professional
3. Requires monitoring patient response to sedating agents to include:
 - Periodic assessment of the patient;
 - Further administration of agent(s) as needed to maintain sedation; and
 - Monitoring of oxygen saturation, heart rate and BP
4. Supervising and directing an independent, trained observer when the provider performs procedure and moderate sedation.

Intra-service time does not include any pre-service work defined as Assessment of patient’s past medical/surgical history with emphasis on cardiovascular, pulmonary, airway or neurological conditions; Review of patient’s past experiences with anesthesia; family history of sedation complications; summary of patient’s present medications; drug allergy and intolerance history; focused exam of patient with emphasis on mouth, jaw, oropharynx, neck and airway for Mallampati score assessment; chest and lungs; heart circulation; Vital signs; Review of any pre-sedation diagnostic tests; Completion of pre-sedation assessment form with ASA Physical Classification status; patient informed consent; immediate pre-sedation assessment prior to first sedating doses; and initiation of IV access and fluids to maintain patency.

Intra-Service time does not include any post-service work defined as full patient assessment (vital signs, level of consciousness, Neurological, Cardiovascular and Pulmonary stability in the post sedation recovery period; Assessment for patient’s readiness for discharge to include preparing discharging documentation and communication with family/caregiver regarding sedation service.

Documentation Requirement options for physicians:

• Total Intra-Service time = _____ minutes (document personal continuous face to face time with your patient);

OR

• Intra-Service start time: _____ Intra-Service stop time: _____