

Moderate Conscious Sedation Procedure Note

1. All procedural sedation codes are now time-based, documentation of total intra-service time spent is required. First time segment is 30 minutes. If you spend more than 30 minutes performing sedation, an additional note should be provided, stating what you did during the additional time.

Intra-service time:

- **starts** with the administration of sedation agents;
 - **requires** continuous face-to face attendance;
 - **ends** at the conclusion of personal contact by the physician providing the sedation.
2. The following procedures now require 2 different attendings to bill for the procedure and procedural sedation:
 - **Chest tube insertion;**
 - **Paracentesis;**
 - **Pericardiocentesis;**
 - **Insertion of central lines for children**
 - **Elective cardioversion**

For these procedures, if sedation and procedure have been performed/supervised by 2 DIFFERENT Attending physicians, notes for both sedation and procedure should be provided and signed by different Attending physicians. Only the ED Attending's note(s) need to be in the ED record. Sedation has been included in these procedures before, but can be billed separately now, if sedation and procedure have been performed by 2 different physicians. If both the procedural sedation and the procedure were supervised by the same attending, than that attending should write both notes, but we will only bill for either procedure or the sedation.

3. **Example of the Sedation note:**

“25 minutes spent at patient's bedside providing sedation with versed and fentanyl for reduction of right shoulder dislocation. Shoulder reduced with no complications, VSS, patient tolerated procedure well”. Date and physician's signature. (Note: This procedure does not require 2 different Attendings. The sane Attending can write the dislocation procedure note as well).