Anesthesia for Dental Services

Anesthesia for dental services can be done in different settings; either the dental office or a facility setting (Operating Room, Short Procedure Unit, Ambulatory Surgical Center, Outpatient Facility). The process is different for the two settings. Below you will find a summary and process for each.

Requests for deep sedation/general anesthesia (D9220 and D9221) that will be performed in the dental office requires authorization and should be sent directly to DentaQuest for review. These requests may be submitted as a prior authorization or submitted for retrospective review. DentaQuest will review the requested services and provide an approval or denial based on the documentation submitted. The provider will receive a Provider Determination Letter notifying them of the approval or denial. After the services have been rendered, the claim should be sent to DentaQuest for standard claim processing and adjudication.

Requests for services to be performed in a facility or outpatient setting other than the dental office (such as: Operating Room, Short Procedure Unit, Ambulatory Surgical Center, Outpatient Facility) should be sent directly to DentaQuest for review. Such requests require prior authorization and are not allowed to be submitted retrospectively. The provider should submit their request with the following documentation:

- The treatment plan on a 2006 or greater ADA claim form
- Narrative of medical necessity for OR,
- X-rays (if applicable)
- Name of the facility the services will be rendered
- The planned date of service.
- On the ADA claim form section 38-Place of Treatment- (Office, Hospital etc)
- Providers should send this request to:
  
  DentaQuest of Arizona, LLC-OR Authorizations
  PO Box 339
  Mequon, WI 53092
  Fax: 262-834-3575

DentaQuest will review the necessity to perform the services in an outpatient setting and will approve or deny the request.

If the request is approved, DentaQuest will fax the necessary information to The University of Arizona Health Plans (UAHP) – University Family Care (UFC) and University Care Advantage (UCA). After services are rendered, dental and anesthesia claims should be submitted directly to DentaQuest for processing and adjudication. Facility claims should be submitted directly to UAHP for processing and adjudication.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation with this process. We value your partnership to serve our members and community. Should you have any questions please feel free to contact DentaQuest Customer Service at 1-800-440-3408 or visit our website at www.dentaquest.com.