



Moderate Sedation

What do I need to know?

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and the American Medical Association’s (AMA) Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) Editorial Panel created separate codes for administration of moderate sedation beginning 2017. The CMS-created code is unique for most GI endoscopic procedures. These changes are the same for CY 2018 as well (Medicare).

Use G0500 for Endoscopy Services- Medicare Only

CMS has new moderate sedation codes, removing the associated value from the majority of endoscopic procedures. Report G0500 for all endoscopic procedures where moderate sedation is inherent to the procedure. **This is for Medicare only.**

Commercial insurers may not accept G0500. Please check with your commercial plans. Commercial insurers and Medicare should accept CPT codes 99151-99157.

What are the new Moderate Sedation Codes?

CPT/HCPCS Code	Description
Moderate Sedation Provided by the Same Provider	
G0500- Medicare only	Moderate sedation services provided by the same physician or other qualified health-care professional performing a gastrointestinal endoscopic service that sedation supports, requiring the presence of an independent trained observer to assist in the monitoring of the patient’s level of consciousness and physiological status; initial 15 minutes of intra-service time, patient age 5 years or older. Additional time may be reported with 99153*, as appropriate. However there are no additional work RVUs associated with this add-on code.
99151	Moderate sedation services provided by the same physician or other qualified health-care professional performing the diagnostic or therapeutic service that the sedation supports, requiring the presence of an independent trained observer to assist in the monitoring of the patient’s level of consciousness and physiological status; initial 15 minutes of intra- service time, patient younger than 5 years of age.
99152	Moderate sedation services provided by the same physician or other qualified health care professional performing the diagnostic or therapeutic service that the sedation supports, requiring the presence of an independent trained observer to assist in the monitoring of the patient’s level of consciousness and physiological status; initial 15 minutes of intra-service time, patient age 5 years or older.
+99153*	Moderate sedation services provided by the same physician or other qualified health-care professional performing the diagnostic or therapeutic service that the sedation supports, requiring the presence of an independent trained observer to assist in the monitoring of the patient’s level of consciousness and physiological status; each additional 15 minutes of intra- service time (List separately in addition to code for primary service).

Moderate sedation provided by a different provider	
99155	Moderate sedation services provided by a physician or other qualified health-care professional other than the physician or other qualified health-care professional performing the diagnostic or therapeutic service that the sedation supports; initial 15 minutes of intra-service time, patient younger than 5 years of age.
991156	Moderate sedation services provided by a physician or other qualified health-care professional other than the physician or other qualified health-care professional performing the diagnostic or therapeutic service that the sedation supports; initial 15 minutes of intra-service time, patient age 5 years or older.
+99157*	Moderate sedation services provided by a physician or other qualified health care professional other than the physician or other qualified health care professional performing the diagnostic or therapeutic service that the sedation supports; each additional 15 minutes intra-service time (List separately in addition to code for primary service)

*99153 and 99157 contain expense inputs only (i.e., equipment, supplies and staff associated with the provision of moderate sedation).

How is “intra-service” defined?

Intra-service time is used to determine the appropriate CPT code to report moderate sedation services:

- Begins with the administration of the sedating agent(s);
- Ends when the procedure is completed, the patient is stable for recovery status, and the physician or other qualified health care professional providing the sedation ends personal continuous face-to-face time with the patient;
- Includes ordering and/or administering the initial and subsequent doses of sedating agents;
- Requires continuous face-to-face attendance of the physician or other qualified health care professional;
- Requires monitoring patient response to the sedating agents, including:
 - Periodic assessment of the patient;
 - Further administration of agent(s) as needed to maintain sedation; and
 - Monitoring of oxygen saturation, heart rate, and blood pressure.

Please note moderate sedation codes are not used to report administration of medications for pain control, minimal sedation (anxiolysis), deep sedation, or monitored anesthesia care (00100-01999).

When do I use this G-Code for GI procedures? (Medicare only)

CPT Code	Use the CPT code together with code G0500 when moderate sedation administered by same physician (Medicare)?
43200	Yes
43201	Yes
43202	Yes
43204	Yes
43205	Yes
43206	Yes
43211	Yes
43212	Yes
43213	Yes
43214	Yes
43215	Yes
43216	Yes
43217	Yes
43220	Yes
43226	Yes
43227	Yes
43229	Yes
43231	Yes
43232	Yes
43233	Yes
43235	Yes
43236	Yes
43237	Yes
43238	Yes
43239	Yes
43240	Yes
43241	Yes
43242	Yes
43243	Yes
43244	Yes
43245	Yes
43246	Yes
43247	Yes
43248	Yes
43249	Yes
43250	Yes
43251	Yes
43252	Yes
43253	Yes
43254	Yes
43255	Yes
43257	Yes
43259	Yes
43260	Yes
43261	Yes
43262	Yes
43263	Yes
43264	Yes
43265	Yes
43266	Yes
43270	Yes
43273	Yes
43274	Yes
43275	Yes

CPT Code	Use the CPT code together with code G0500 when moderate sedation administered by same physician (Medicare)?
43276	Yes
43277	Yes
43278	Yes
43450	Yes
43453	Yes
44360	Yes
44361	Yes
44363	Yes
44364	Yes
44365	Yes
44366	Yes
44369	Yes
44370	Yes
44372	Yes
44373	Yes
44376	Yes
44377	Yes
44378	Yes
44379	Yes
44380	Yes
44381	Yes
44382	Yes
44384	Yes
44385	Yes
44386	Yes
44388	Yes
44388-53	Yes
44389	Yes
44390	Yes
44391	Yes
44392	Yes
44394	Yes
44401	Yes
44402	Yes
44403	Yes
44404	Yes
44405	Yes
44406	Yes
44407	Yes
44408	Yes
44500	Yes
45303	Yes
45305	Yes
45307	Yes
45308	Yes
45309	Yes
45315	Yes
45317	Yes
45320	Yes
45321	Yes
45327	Yes
45332	Yes
45333	Yes
45334	Yes
45335	Yes
45337	Yes
45338	Yes

CPT Code	Use the CPT code together with code G0500 when moderate sedation administered by same physician (Medicare)?
45340	Yes
45341	Yes
45342	Yes
45346	Yes
45347	Yes
45349	Yes
45350	Yes
45378	Yes
45378-53	Yes
45379	Yes
45380	Yes
45381	Yes
45382	Yes
45384	Yes
45385	Yes
45386	Yes
45388	Yes
45389	Yes
45390	Yes
45391	Yes
45392	Yes
45393	Yes
45398	Yes
G0105	Yes
G0105-53	Yes
G0121	Yes
G0121-53	Yes