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HPSM Dental Sedation and General Anesthesia Coverage

This notification serves as a reminder that the Health Plan of San Mateo (HPSM) covers medically necessary intravenous (IV) moderate sedation and deep sedation/general anesthesia for dental procedures for eligible HPSM Dental members.

HPSM will provide prior authorization for IV moderate sedation and deep sedation/general anesthesia for dental services using the criteria establish in Attachment A, which you can find here:

<https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/formsandpubs/Documents/MMCDAPLsandPolicyLetters/APL2023/ATT-A-Policy-IV-Sedation-GA-APL-23-028.pdf>

HPSM will assist providers and members with prior authorization and coordinate all necessary non-anesthesia covered services provided to a member. HPSM will authorize privileges for providers who need to use anesthesiology at their practices, or coordinate for out-of-network access for our members if an HPSM contracted facility is not available, in accordance with timely access standards for specialty care.

For more information:

- APL 23-028:
<https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/formsandpubs/Documents/MMCDAPLsandPolicyLetters/APL2023/APL23-028.pdf>
- Attachment B:
<https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/formsandpubs/Documents/MMCDAPLsandPolicyLetters/APL2023/ATT-B-IV-Sedation-GA-Billing-Scenarios-APL-23-028.pdf>

Please direct questions to HPSM Dental at dental@hpsm.org.

Thank you, the Health Plan of San Mateo

