

**An example of a committed Medi-Cal dental Provider coordinating with his dental plan partner, LIBERTY Dental Plan, to care for his patients---our members.**

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Re: Communication from Dr. Aghakhani to LIBERTY Dental Plan Concerning Emergency Cases in Sacramento GMC Medi-Cal Dental Managed Care Program

Good morning,

**I am driving to Sacramento this afternoon to take care of a lot of emergency patients tomorrow. Mostly extractions. Some of those patients, I can extract under local anesthesia, however, some of them are extremely uncooperative and I need to mildly sedate them. I will be using low dose ketamine and attach monitors for observation. I may need to start an IV, may not, depending on how resistant they are (individually) to the low dose ketamine. I have done this procedure on a high success rate before without use of any other adjunct medication. Very high success rate for single extraction.**

My question is what CDT code should I use for this procedure? I have to keep them in office for 30 minutes from the time of injection to make sure the majority of the effects of ketamine is gone. 9222-9223? Or 9248? Or any other codes?

Thanks

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