

From: [Jon Jacoby](#)
To: [HFS.BPPC](#)
Subject: [External] CHANGES IN METHODS AND STANDARDS FOR ESTABLISHING MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PAYMENT RATES
Date: Thursday, June 6, 2024 9:10:22 AM

To the committee, I am an MD anesthesiologist practicing in Decatur. I write in favor of allowing physician anesthesiologists to provide pediatric dental anesthesia and to charge the new D rates for doing so. Allowing this rate structure change for anesthesiologists will encourage them to provide these services which are much needed. Allowing this billing pathway will be good for the children of Illinois, their parents, their families, and also contribute to a reduction in forward-going healthcare costs for all concerned. Thank you, Jon Jacoby, MD

From: [N.kurt Baker-Watson](#)
To: [HFS.BPPC](#)
Subject: [External] Concerning The Proposal Of Changes In Methods And Standards For Establishing Medical Assistance Payment Rates For Dental Anesthesia
Date: Thursday, June 6, 2024 12:12:39 PM
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Fulfilling Day... State of Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services
Representative:

As a practicing anesthesiologist at a university hospital... when I was apprised of the initiative allowing for the delivery of dental anesthesia codes by physician anesthesiologists... I was... yet again... struck by recollection of the appalling number of patients who present to our institution for surgical treatment of often emergent... at times, life-threatening... infections and abscesses of dental origin. This represents a failure of healthcare delivery... an indictment of our healthcare community's practice standards of preventative medicine... a threat to the public welfare... a cost overrun that is particularly distressing in the climate of cost containment... and an opportunity for improvement

I trust that I am adding my testimony to those already fielded by your department concerning appropriate access to... and delivery of... dental care. I urge adoption of the proposed changes to allow for the delivery of dental anesthesia codes by physician anesthesiologists. Hopefully, this will be one of many insightful and effective policy initiatives that will support greater, direly-needed access to dental health maintenance. As you can appreciate... safe, dental office-based anesthesia care... by physicians who are experts in anesthesia care... is one of the pillars of such an endeavor.

Gratitude for your attention and your labors in stewardship of the best interests of the citizens you serve.

Best fortune and wellness!

Kurt Baker-Watson, M.D.

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From: [Neal R. Mugve](#)
To: [HFS.BPPC](#)
Subject: [External] PROPOSED CHANGES IN METHODS AND STANDARDS FOR ESTABLISHING MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PAYMENT RATES
Date: Thursday, June 6, 2024 9:14:15 AM

I am writing in support of the change to allow for the delivery of dental anesthesia codes by physician anesthesiologists. This change will support the needs of pediatric patients to have access to safe anesthesia care in the dental office by physicians who are experts in anesthesia care and meet the Illinois General Assembly Administrative code requirements to provide sedation and anesthesia in dental offices.

Thank you,

Neal Mugve, MD, FASA
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Loyola University Medical Center

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From: [Jessica Carani](#)
To: [HFS.BPPC](#)
Subject: [External] PROPOSED CHANGES IN METHODS AND STANDARDS FOR ESTABLISHING MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PAYMENT RATES
Date: Thursday, June 6, 2024 9:34:51 AM

Hello,

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Thanks,

Dr. Jessica Carani, MD
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Michael Majewski](#)
To: [HFS.BPPC](#)
Subject: [External] PROPOSED CHANGES IN METHODS AND STANDARDS FOR ESTABLISHING MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PAYMENT RATES
Date: Thursday, June 6, 2024 9:45:48 AM
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From: [Chelsea Zur](#)
To: [HFS.BPPC](#)
Subject: [External] PROPOSED CHANGES IN METHODS AND STANDARDS FOR ESTABLISHING MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PAYMENT RATES
Date: Thursday, June 6, 2024 9:53:57 AM

Subject: PROPOSED CHANGES IN METHODS AND STANDARDS FOR ESTABLISHING MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PAYMENT RATES

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Best,
Chelsea Zur, MD

From: [Margaret Griesemer](#)
To: [HFS.BPPC](#)
Subject: [External] PROPOSED CHANGES IN METHODS AND STANDARDS FOR ESTABLISHING MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PAYMENT RATES
Date: Thursday, June 6, 2024 10:51:27 AM

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing in support of the change to allow for the delivery of dental anesthesia codes by physician anesthesiologists. This change will support the needs of pediatric patients to have access to safe anesthesia care in the dental office by physicians who are experts in anesthesia care and meet the Illinois General Assembly Administrative code requirements to provide sedation and anesthesia in dental offices.

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Margaret Griesemer DO, FASA
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Medical Director, Gold Coast Surgicenter

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From: [Randy Fatheree](#)
To: [HFS.BPPC](#)
Subject: [External] PROPOSED CHANGES IN METHODS AND STANDARDS FOR ESTABLISHING MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PAYMENT RATES
Date: Thursday, June 6, 2024 11:14:29 AM

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Sincerely,

Randy S. Fatheree, DO
Anesthesiologist
Jacksonville Memorial Hospital
Jacksonville, Illinois

From: [Katrina Duque](#)
To: [HFS.BPPC](#)
Subject: [External] PROPOSED CHANGES IN METHODS AND STANDARDS FOR ESTABLISHING MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PAYMENT RATES
Date: Thursday, June 6, 2024 1:37:47 PM

Good morning,

I am writing in support of the change to allow for the delivery of dental anesthesia codes by physician anesthesiologists. This change will support the needs of pediatric patients to have access to safe anesthesia care in the dental office by physicians who are experts in anesthesia care and meet the Illinois General Assembly Administrative code requirements to provide sedation and anesthesia in dental offices.

Thank you,
Katrina Duque, MD

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From: [Shweta](#)
To: [HFS.BPPC](#)
Subject: [External] PROPOSED CHANGES IN METHODS AND STANDARDS FOR ESTABLISHING MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PAYMENT RATES
Date: Thursday, June 6, 2024 1:38:50 PM

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Sincerely,

Shweta Narang
Physician Anesthesiologist
Hoffman Estates, IL

From: [Bradford, Curtis](#)
To: [HFS.BPPC](#)
Subject: [External] Proposed changes in methods and standards for establishing medical assistance payment rates
Date: Thursday, June 6, 2024 4:13:28 PM

Bureau of Program and Policy Coordination
Division of Medical Programs
Healthcare and Family Services
201 South Grand Avenue East
Springfield IL 62763-0001

I am writing in support of the change to allow for the delivery of dental anesthesia codes by physician anesthesiologists. This change will support the needs of pediatric patients to have access to safe anesthesia care in the dental office by physicians who are experts in anesthesia care and meet the Illinois General Assembly Administrative code requirements to provide sedation and anesthesia in dental offices.

Thank you,
Curtis Bradford, MD
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From: [Jason Mitchell](#)
To: [HFS.BPPC](#)
Subject: [External] PROPOSED CHANGES IN METHODS AND STANDARDS FOR ESTABLISHING MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PAYMENT RATES
Date: Thursday, June 6, 2024 2:37:48 PM

Hello,

I whole heartedly support the changes in methods and standards for establishing medical assistance payment rates.
Thanks,
Jason Mitchell, MD

From: [Eric Werner](#)
To: [HFS.BPPC](#)
Subject: [External] PROPOSED CHANGES IN METHODS AND STANDARDS FOR ESTABLISHING MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PAYMENT RATES
Date: Friday, June 7, 2024 1:01:02 AM

Friday, June 7, 2024

Subject: PROPOSED CHANGES IN METHODS AND STANDARDS FOR ESTABLISHING MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PAYMENT RATES

I am writing in support of the change to allow for the delivery of dental anesthesia codes by physician anesthesiologists. This change will support the needs of pediatric patients to have access to safe anesthesia care in the dental office by physicians who are experts in anesthesia care and meet the Illinois General Assembly Administrative code requirements to provide sedation and anesthesia in dental offices.

The Department of Healthcare and Family Services recognized the importance of this issue, and the need for anesthesia services. Thank you for acknowledging the value of this change!

Sincerely,

Eric Werner, MD

From: [Michael Ander](#)
To: [HFS.BPPC](#)
Subject: [External] PROPOSED CHANGES IN METHODS AND STANDARDS FOR ESTABLISHING MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PAYMENT RATES
Date: Thursday, June 6, 2024 9:11:27 AM

My name is Michael Ander, and I'm a physician anesthesiologist in the Chicagoland area.

I am writing in support of the change to allow for the delivery of dental anesthesia codes by physician anesthesiologists. This change will support the needs of pediatric patients to have access to safe anesthesia care in the dental office by physicians who are experts in anesthesia care and meet the Illinois General Assembly Administrative code requirements to provide sedation and anesthesia in dental offices.

Sincerely,

Michael Ander MD

From: [Charles Kim](#)
To: [HFS.BPPC](#)
Subject: [External]
Date: Saturday, June 8, 2024 8:11:14 AM

Subject: PROPOSED CHANGES IN METHODS AND STANDARDS FOR ESTABLISHING MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PAYMENT RATES

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Charles Kim MD, FASA
Immediate Past President
Illinois Society of Anesthesiologists

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From: [Sean Adams](#)
To: [HFS.BPPC](#)
Subject: [External] STANDARDS FOR ESTABLISHING MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PAYMENT RATES
Date: Tuesday, June 11, 2024 10:21:29 AM

Good morning:

I am writing in support of the change to allow for the delivery of dental anesthesia codes by physician anesthesiologists. This change will support the needs of pediatric patients to have access to safe anesthesia care in the dental office by physicians who are experts in anesthesia care and meet the Illinois General Assembly Administrative code requirements to provide sedation and anesthesia in dental offices.

Thank you,

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Sean S. Adams, M.D., FASA

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From: [William A Frame MD](#)
To: [HFS.BPPC](#)
Subject: [External] PROPOSED CHANGES IN METHODS AND STANDARDS FOR ESTABLISHING MEDICAL ASSISTANCE
PAYMENT RATES
Date: Friday, June 14, 2024 7:44:50 AM

I am writing in support of the change to allow for the delivery of dental anesthesia codes by physician anesthesiologists. This change will support the needs of pediatric patients to have access to safe anesthesia care in the dental office by physicians who are experts in anesthesia care and meet the Illinois General Assembly Administrative code requirements to provide sedation and anesthesia in dental offices.

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From: [Vida](#)
To: [HFS.BPPC](#)
Subject: [External] PROPOSED CHANGES IN METHODS AND STANDARDS FOR ESTABLISHING MEDICAL ASSISTANCE
PAYMENT RATES
Date: Sunday, June 16, 2024 6:15:09 PM

I am writing in support of the change to allow for the delivery of dental anesthesia codes by physician anesthesiologists. This change will support the needs of pediatric patients to have access to safe anesthesia care in the dental office by physicians who are experts in anesthesia care and meet the Illinois General Assembly Administrative code requirements to provide sedation and anesthesia in dental offices.

Respectfully,

Vida Kasuba MD
Mobile Anesthesiologists of Chicago
Sent from my iPad

June 20, 2024

Bureau of Program and Policy Coordination
Division of Medical Programs
Healthcare and Family Services
201 South Grand Avenue East
Springfield, IL 62763-0001

Subject: Proposed Changes in Methods and Standards for Establishing Medical Assistance Payment Rates: Dental Anesthesia

To Whom It May Concern:

The Illinois State Dental Society (ISDS), representing over 6,000 Illinois dentists, hereby submits formal comments to the Department's proposed changes in methods and standards for establishing medical assistance payment rates for allowing medical anesthesiologists to bill the dental anesthesia codes.

ISDS appreciates the ability to comment and provide input on this proposal. ISDS would like to take this opportunity to comment and ask for additional information from the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (DHFS).

First, the proposal needs to clearly define the parameters that would be implemented for usage of these codes. ISDS respectfully requests that if DHFS allows medical anesthesiologists to bill the dental anesthesia codes, the medical anesthesiologists be held to the same standards as dentists. For example, dentists must provide another accompanying dental code to the dental anesthesia code to receive the payment. The claim is denied if the dentist does not include the corresponding D code. This will ensure that the dental anesthesia codes are being utilized for dental procedures, which is the intended goal of this change. Therefore, ISDS respectfully requests that the Department require the claim to have an accompanying dental procedure claim.

ISDS is particularly interested in the public notice that suggests the proposal is budget neutral. Given the recent efforts to increase reimbursement rates for dental anesthesia, it is important to understand how this proposal aligns with the Department's budget. We would appreciate further clarification on this matter.

ISDS thanks you for the opportunity to comment on this proposal, and we look forward to continuing discussions with the Department on this issue. Additionally, if you need additional information or would like to meet, please do not hesitate to contact me via email at lwagahoff@isds.org or via telephone at 217-525-1406.

Sincerely,



Lindsay K. Wagahoff
ISDS Director of Governmental Relations



From: [Adamina Podraza](#)
To: [HFS.BPPC](#)
Subject: [External] PROPOSED CHANGES IN METHODS AND STANDARDS FOR ESTABLISHING MEDICAL ASSISTANCE
PAYMENT RATES
Date: Friday, June 21, 2024 4:40:42 PM

As a pediatric anesthesiologist I am writing in support of the change to allow the delivery of dental anesthesia codes by physician anesthesiologist. These changes will help more pediatric patients to have safe access to care by experts in anesthesia in the dental office. These physicians are experts and meet Illinois General Assembly Administrative code requirements to provide sedation and anesthesia in the dental office.

Adamina G Podraza MD FASA FAAP

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From: [Lisa Solomon](#)
To: [HFS.BPPC](#)
Subject: [External] PROPOSED CHANGES IN METHODS AND STANDARDS FOR ESTABLISHING MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PAYMENT RATES
Date: Saturday, June 22, 2024 8:49:15 AM

I am writing in support of the change to allow for the delivery of dental anesthesia codes by physician anesthesiologists. This change will support the needs of pediatric patients to have access to safe anesthesia care in the dental office by physicians who are experts in anesthesia care and meet the Illinois General Assembly Administrative code requirements to provide sedation and anesthesia in dental offices.

Sincerely,
Lisa P. Solomon DO, FASA
Anesthesiologist