

Department: Dental **Policy Number:** HHS-5125-D

Policy Title: IV Conscious Sedation **Attachments:** _____

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Policy Statement:

The Ne Ia Shing Dental staff will offer IV conscious Sedation based on the degree of difficulty and availability of a dental provider for Mille Lacs Band members with Insurance undergoing dental care for the relief of anxiety, discomfort and pain with the intent to facilitate a procedure

Purpose:

The safe administration of oral and parenteral conscious (moderate) sedation to adult patients receiving dental care at Ne Ia Shing Dental Clinic

- A Sedation Provider is defined as a Sedation Attending Dentist
- A Sedation Attending is a Dentist who has current ACLS Certification, is credentialed by the Credentialing or Executive Committee of the Clinic, and who has undergone didactic training in conscious sedation and demonstrated clinical competence safe administration of conscious sedation to ten patients observed by a physician or dentist.
- Minimal Sedation (anxiolysis) is defined as a drug-induced state during which patients respond normally to verbal commands without tactile stimulation. Although cognitive function may be impaired, ventilatory and cardiovascular functions are unaffected.
- Moderate Sedation is defined as a drug-induced depression of consciousness during which patients respond purposefully to verbal command that is accompanied by light tactile stimulation. No interventions are required to maintain a patent airway and spontaneous ventilation is adequate. Cardiovascular function is usually maintained.

- Deep Sedation is defined as a drug-induced depression of consciousness during which patients cannot be easily aroused but respond purposefully following repeated or painful stimulation. The ability to independently maintain ventilatory function may be impaired. Patients may require assistance in maintaining a patent airway and spontaneous ventilation may be inadequate. Cardiovascular function is usually maintained.
- General Anesthesia is defined as a drug-induced loss of consciousness during which patients are not Arousable, even by painful stimulation. The ability to independently maintain ventilator function is often impaired. Patients often require assistance in maintaining a patent airway and positive pressure ventilation may be required because of depressed spontaneous ventilation or drug-induced depression of neuromuscular function. Cardiovascular function may be impaired.
- Patients must be seen for an IV sedation consult appointment within 30 days of the conscious sedation appointment. At the consult appointment the patient will fill out an Authorization for Administration of Conscious (moderate) Sedation form, the sedation medical history forms, sign any consent forms for treatment. The dental assistant/dentist will go through the IV sedation pre op instructions with the patient and inform them that failure to follow the instructions will inhibit treatment. The patient will have an oral examination with the providing dentist and treatment options will be discussed with the patient. The dentist may request physicians consent for treatment from the patient's primary care physician before completing treatment. All patients must meet the physical health criteria by the treating dentist before proceeding with IV sedation treatment.