Bronson Children’s Hospital
Pediatric Sedation Billing Guidelines
(See BCH sedation billing tip sheet for charge capture guidance)

Anesthesia Association of America (ASA) defined levels of sedation:

- **Minimal Sedation** (Anxiolysis) is a drug-induced state during which patients respond normally to verbal commands.
- **Moderate Sedation/Analgesia** is a drug-induced depression of consciousness during which patients respond purposefully to verbal commands, either alone or accompanied by light tactile stimulation.
- **Deep Sedation/Analgesia** is a drug-induced depression of consciousness during which patients cannot be easily aroused but respond purposefully following repeated or painful stimulation. The ability to maintain ventilatory function may be impaired.

**Moderate vs Deep Sedation**

- Procedures **unlikely to require deep sedation** should be billed as moderate sedation.
- Procedures **likely to require deep sedation** at some time during procedure should be billed as deep sedation.

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**Moderate Sedation Billing:**

**SEDATION ONLY**

- 99155 – initial 15 min (age < age 5)
- 99156 – initial 15 min (age ≥ age 5)

**PLUS**

- 99157 – each additional 15 min (any age)

**PROCEDURE AND SEDATION BY SAME PROVIDER**

- 99151 – initial 15 min (age < age 5)
- 99152 – initial 15 min (age ≥ age 5)

**PLUS**

- 99153 – each additional 15 min (any age)

**Deep Sedation Billing:**

*Use anesthesia codes – currently in EPIC charge capture under “Anesthesia”*