

WAC 246-817-765 Pediatric sedation endorsement. A pediatric patient is physiologically and anatomically unlike an adult, and different sedation drugs and practices may be used for this population, it is necessary to ensure that adequately trained and skilled individuals are treating pediatric patients.

(1) Effective January 1, 2025, a pediatric sedation endorsement is required to administer moderate sedation with enteral agents or moderate sedation with parenteral agents, to pediatric patients.

(2) A licensed dentist who holds a valid moderate sedation with enteral agents permit and a pediatric sedation endorsement may administer intranasal midazolam to a pediatric patient. This modality may be administered without a moderate sedation with parenteral agents permit. Administration of intranasal drugs on patients over the age of 12 requires the licensed dentist to hold a moderate sedation with parenteral agents or general anesthesia permit.

(3) To obtain a pediatric sedation endorsement a licensed dentist shall:

(a) Hold a valid moderate sedation with enteral agents or moderate sedation with parenteral agents permit;

(b) Comply with the permitting and renewal requirements in WAC 246-817-774;

(c) Provide evidence of education and training in:

(i) A CODA postgraduate instruction in pediatric dentistry, oral and maxillofacial surgery, or dental anesthesiology; or

(ii) Predoctoral dental school, postgraduate instruction, or continuing education of at least 37 hours in minimal and moderate sedation and an additional 14 hours in pediatric sedation.

(A) The 14 hours in pediatric sedation must include:

(I) Pediatric specific anatomical and physiological considerations;

(II) Pediatric behavioral management during administration of sedating medication and intraoperatively;

(III) Pediatric drugs, dosages, and routes of administration;

(IV) Appropriate use of immobilization devices;

(V) Recordkeeping;

(VI) Nitrous oxide in combination with other sedating medications;

(VII) Prevention, recognition and management of complications; and

(VIII) Four or more hours must include hands-on instruction, simulations, live supervised pediatric sedation case management, or a combination of those modalities. Observation alone is not acceptable.

(B) The 37 hours in minimal and moderate sedation must include:

(I) Physical evaluation;

(II) Technical administration;

(III) Drugs and routes of administration;

(IV) Recognition and management of complications and emergencies; and

(V) Monitoring and monitoring equipment including training in expired CO₂; and

(d) Provide current health care provider BLS and PALS certifications.

(4) A licensed dentist who holds a valid pediatric sedation endorsement shall complete 14 hours of continuing education every three years as required in WAC 246-817-773.

(5) A licensed dentist who holds a valid pediatric endorsement must maintain a current and valid BLS and PALS certification.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.32.0365 and 18.32.640. WSR 24-01-033, § 246-817-765, filed 12/11/23, effective 1/11/24.]