Western Australian Coding Rule

0711/08  Light sedation

Q.
Should low dose of intravenous Midazolam be coded as sedation, when it is just intended to relax the patient prior to a procedure, rather than induce twilight sedation?

A.
It is not up to the coder to interpret the intent of the dosage. If intravenous Midazolam is administered for a procedure, regardless of where documented, assign 92515-xx [1910] Sedation. Sedation changes eligibility for Type C procedures to meet the criteria for admission, hence it is important that sedation is consistently and uniformly coded.

DECISION
A coder should not interpret the intent of the dosage. If intravenous Midazolam is administered for a procedure, regardless of where documented, assign 92515-xx [1910] Sedation.
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