

**2016 Moderation Sedation History:** There were over 400 CPT procedure codes that did not permit us to code moderate conscious sedation separately. The ED codes affected are minimal impacting emergency medicine:

- 32551 – Tube thoracostomy
- 33010 – Pericardiocentesis
- 33210 – Insertion of temporary transvenous pacemaker
- 36555 – Insertion of CVP, younger than age 5
- 36568 – Insertion PICC line, younger than age 5
- 92953 – Temporary transcutaneous pacing
- 92960 – Elective cardioversion

**2017 Moderation Sedation Changes:** Eliminates 400+ bundled codes and can now code moderate sedation separately with any CPT procedure code. While RVU's for ED procedures decreased when you add the minimal moderate sedation time RVU's (99151 0.67RVU or 99152-0.35 RVU's) the impact is minimal and in some cases a slight increase.

**RVU Comparison for ED procedures 2016 versus 2017:**

CPT	Description	2016 Total RVU	2017 Total RVU	RVU Diff
32551	Tube thoracostomy	4.92	4.56	-0.36
33010	Pericardiocentesis	3.49	3.11	-0.38
33210	Insertion of temporary transvenous pacemaker	5.20	4.81	-0.39
36555	Insertion CVP, younger than 5 years of age	3.41	3.07	-0.34
36568	Insertion PICC line, younger than age 5	2.81	2.46	-0.35
92953	Temporary transcutaneous pacing	0.32	0.03	-0.29
92960	Elective cardioversion	3.48	3.14	-0.34

**CPT Descriptions and 2017 RVU values:**

CPT Code	Description	Total RVU's
99151	Moderate Sedation, same physician performing the procedure, initial 15 minutes, < 5 years; Total Intra-Service Time 10-22 minutes	0.67
99152	Moderate Sedation, same physician performing the procedure, initial 15 minutes, 5 years or older; Total Intra-Service Time 10-22 minutes	0.35
99153	Moderate Sedation, same physician performing the procedure, each additional 15 minutes	0.31
99155	Moderate Sedation, other physician performing the procedure, initial 15 minutes, < 5 years; Total Intra-Service Time 10-22 minutes	2.63
99156	Moderate Sedation, other physician performing the procedure, initial 15 minutes, 5 years or older; Total Intra-Service Time 10-22 minutes	2.15
99157	Moderate Sedation, other physician performing the procedure, each additional 15 minutes	1.63