

## **Definitions of Ambulatory Surgery Centers**

### **Class A:**

In a Class A Facility, all surgical, endoscopic and/or pain management procedures may be performed under the following anesthesia:

1. Topical Anesthesia
  2. Local Anesthesia
- If oral medications are used, only minimal and moderate sedation levels are permitted in Class A Facilities.
  - In a Class A Facility, no more than 500cc's of aspirate should be removed when performing liposuction.
  - Class A Facilities must meet all Class A standards.

### **Class B:**

In a Class B Facility, all surgical, endoscopic and/or pain management procedures may be performed under the following anesthesia:

1. Topical Anesthesia
  2. Local Anesthesia
  3. Parenteral Sedation
  4. Regional Anesthesia
  5. Dissociative Drugs (excluding Propofol)
- Agents 3 thru 5 may be administered by:
    - A Physician
    - A Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA) under physician supervision if required by state or federal law, or by policy adopted by the facility
    - An Anesthesia Assistant (as certified by the National Commission for the Certification of Anesthesiologist Assistants) under direct supervision of an Anesthesiologist
    - A Registered Nurse, only under the supervision of a qualified physician
  - The use of Propofol, Spinal Anesthesia, Epidural Anesthesia, Endotracheal Intubation Anesthesia, Laryngeal Mask Airway Anesthesia, and/or Inhalation General Anesthesia (including Nitrous Oxide) is prohibited in a Class B facility.
  - Class B Facilities must meet all Class A and Class B standards.

### **Class C-M:**

In a Class C-M facility, all surgical, endoscopic and/or pain management procedures may be performed under the following anesthesia:

1. Topical Anesthesia
  2. Local Anesthesia
  3. Parenteral Sedation
  4. Regional Anesthesia
  5. Dissociative Drugs (including Propofol)
  6. Spinal Anesthesia
  7. Epidural Anesthesia
- Agents 3 thru 5 may be administered by:
    - A Physician
    - A Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA) under physician supervision if required by state or federal law, or by policy adopted by the facility
    - An Anesthesia Assistant (as certified by the National Commission for the Certification of Anesthesiologist Assistants) under direct supervision of an Anesthesiologist
    - A Registered Nurse only under the supervision of a qualified physician (excluding Propofol)
  - Propofol, Spinal Anesthesia and Epidural Anesthesia may be administered only by:
    - A CRNA (under physician supervision if required by state or federal law or by policy adopted by the facility)
    - An Anesthesia Assistant (as certified by the National Commission for the Certification of Anesthesiologist Assistants) under direct supervision of an Anesthesiologist
    - An Anesthesiologist
  - The use of Endotracheal Intubation Anesthesia, Laryngeal Mask Airway Anesthesia, and/or Inhalation General Anesthesia (including Nitrous Oxide) is prohibited in a Class C-M facility.
  - Class C-M facilities must meet all Class A, Class B, and Class C-M standards.

**Class C:**

In a Class C facility all surgical, endoscopic, and/or pain management procedures may be performed under the following anesthesia:

1. Topical Anesthesia
2. Local Anesthesia
3. Parenteral Sedation
4. Regional Anesthesia
5. Dissociative Drugs (including Propofol)
6. Epidural Anesthesia
7. Spinal Anesthesia
8. General Anesthesia (with or without Endotracheal Intubation or Laryngeal Mask Airway Anesthesia)

- Agents 3 thru 5 may be administered by:
  - A Physician
  - A Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA) under physician supervision if required by state or federal law, or by policy adopted by the facility
  - An Anesthesia Assistant (as certified by the National Commission for the Certification of Anesthesiologist Assistants) under direct supervision of an Anesthesiologist
  - A Registered Nurse only under the supervision of a qualified physician (**excluding Propofol**)
- Propofol and agents 6 through 8 may be administered only by a:
  - CRNA (under physician supervision if required by state or federal law or by policy adopted by the facility)
  - An Anesthesia Assistant (as certified by the National Commission for the Certification of Anesthesiologist Assistants) under direct supervision of an Anesthesiologist
  - An Anesthesiologist
- Class C facilities must meet all Class A, Class B, Class C-M, and Class C standards.