Commission on Dental Accreditation

At its Summer 2023 meeting, the Commission directed that the proposed revisions to Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Orofacial Pain be distributed to the appropriate communities of interest for review and comment, with comment due June 1, 2024, for review at the Summer 2024 Commission meeting.

Written comments will only be accepted through the Commission’s Electronic Comment Submission Portal at this link: https://surveys.ada.org/jfe/form/SV_ehqpjQ5m2uAYkTP

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Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Orofacial Pain
PROPOSED REVISIONS TO ACCREDITATION STANDARDS FOR ADVANCED DENTAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS RELATED TO SPONSORING INSTITUTION AND AUTHORITY TO OPERATE

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PROPOSED REVISIONS FOR ALL ADVANCED DENTAL EDUCATION STANDARDS:

Definition of Terms:

**Health Care Organization:** A Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC), Indian Health Service (IHS), Veterans Health Administration system (VA), or academic health center/medical center/ambulatory care center (both public and private) that is accredited by an agency recognized by the United States Department of Education or accredited by an accreditation organization recognized by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).
PROPOSED REVISIONS FOR STANDARD 1-1 FOR ADVANCED EDUCATION IN GENERAL DENTISTRY, ORAL MEDICINE, AND OROFACIAL PAIN:

Each sponsoring or co-sponsoring United States-based educational institution, hospital or health care organization must be accredited by an agency recognized by the United States Department of Education or accredited by an accreditation organization recognized by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

United States military programs not sponsored or co-sponsored by military medical treatment facilities, United States-based educational institutions, hospitals or health care organizations accredited by an agency recognized by the United States Department of Education or accredited by an accreditation organization recognized by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) must demonstrate successful achievement of Service-specific organizational inspection criteria.

Examples of evidence to demonstrate compliance may include:
- Accreditation certificate or current official listing of accredited institutions from a United States Department of Education recognized accreditation organization
- Evidence of successful achievement of Service-specific organizational inspection criteria
- Accreditation certificate or current official listing of accredited institution from an accreditation organization recognized by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). For example: Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care (AAAHC); Accreditation Commission for Health Care, Inc. (ACHC); American Association for Accreditation of Ambulatory Surgery Facilities (AAAASF); American Osteopathic Association Healthcare Facilities Accreditation Program (AOA/HFAP); Center for Improvement in Healthcare Quality (CIHQ); Community Health Accreditation Program (CHAP); DNV GL-Healthcare (DNV GL); National Dialysis Accreditation Commission (NDAC); The Compliance Team (TCT); The Joint Commission (JC).

Advanced dental education programs conferring a certificate must have state or federal approval to operate and, as applicable, to confer a certificate. Advanced dental education programs conferring a degree must have institutional accreditation and authority to confer a degree.

Examples of evidence to demonstrate compliance may include:
- State license or federal authority documenting the institution’s approval to operate and confer a credential
- Institutional accreditation indicating approval to confer a degree