

REPORT OF THE REVIEW COMMITTEE ON ORAL MEDICINE EDUCATION TO THE COMMISSION ON DENTAL ACCREDITATION

Committee Chair: Dr. Scott De Rossi. Committee Members: Dr. Jennifer Barber, Dr. Michael DeBellis, Dr. Lina Mejia, and Dr. Thomas Sollecito. Commissioner Trainee: Dr. Andres Pinto observed the meeting as a Commissioner trainee. Guests (Open Session Only, Virtual): Dr. Sheila Brear, chief learning officer, American Dental Education Association (ADEA), attended the policy portion of the meeting. Staff Members: Ms. Peggy Soeldner, senior manager, Administration and Committees; Dr. Yesenia Ruiz, manager, Advanced Dental Education; Ms. Taylor Weast, manager, Advanced Dental Education; and Ms. Bridget Blackwood, senior project assistant, Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA). The meeting of the Review Committee on Oral Medicine Education (OM RC) was held on July 8, 2025 via a virtual meeting.

CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS RELATED TO ORAL MEDICINE EDUCATION

Informational Report on Frequency of Citings of Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Oral Medicine (2019) (p. 1600): The Review Committee on Oral Medicine Education (OM RC) considered the annual report on the frequency of citings of the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Oral Medicine implemented August 2, 2019. Through review of the report, the OM RC learned that (4) oral medicine site visits have been conducted from August 2, 2019 through August 8, 2024 and that there have been no (0) areas of non-compliance cited. Further, the OM RC noted this was the final report on the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Oral Medicine implemented on August 2, 2019. Revised Accreditation Standards were adopted August 9, 2024 for immediate implementation.

Recommendation: This report is informational in nature and no action is required.

Informational Report on Frequency of Citings of Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Oral Medicine (2024) (p. 1601): The Review Committee on Oral Medicine (OM RC) considered the annual report on the frequency of citings of the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Oral Medicine approved by the Commission on Dental Accreditation at its August 9, 2024 meeting for immediate implementation. The OM RC noted that no (0) oral medicine site visits have been conducted by a visiting committee of the Commission utilizing the August 2024 Standards. To ensure confidentiality, Frequency of Citings Reports are not made available where a limited number (three or less) of programs have been site visited. Once there are four (4) or more oral medicine education programs site visited, the non-compliance citings will be analyzed and summarized accordingly. The Commission will continue to receive reports annually summarizing the updated data on the frequency of citings of individual Standards.

Recommendation: This report is informational in nature and no action is required.

Consideration of Proposed Revision to Examples of Evidence for Standard 1 of the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs. (p. 1602): At its January 31, 2025 meeting, through consideration of the Report of the Review Committee on Postdoctoral General Dentistry Education (PGD RC), the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) learned that the list of accreditation organizations recognized by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) included in the Examples of Evidence of Standard 1 within the Accreditation Standards for all advanced dental education programs has changed. Changes include the addition of one (1) organization, removal of organizations, and changes in the acronyms listed for some organizations. In addition, the Commission learned that the PGD RC discussed whether all organizations included in the current CMS-recognized list of accreditation organizations should be accepted for CODA-accredited dental education programs. The PGD RC believed the decision to include these CMS-recognized organizations in CODA's Standards for advanced dental education programs was outside the purview of the PGD RC.

Following discussion, the Commission on Dental Accreditation directed each advanced dental education Review Committee examine the proposed revisions to Examples of Evidence in Standard 1 of the Accreditation Standards for all advanced dental education disciplines under the Commission's purview related to sponsoring institution and authority, with a report to the Commission at the August 2025 meeting.

At its July 2025 meeting, the Review Committee on Oral Medicine Education (OM RC) examined the proposed revisions to Examples of Evidence in Standard 1 found in (**Appendix 1, Policy Report p. 1602**), noting the proposed revisions appear to be editorial in nature to align with the other CMS-recognized accreditation organizations. Further, the OM RC believed the revisions reflect the range of institutional accreditation settings common among sponsoring institutions of oral medicine programs and concluded that the revisions should be approved for immediate implementation. In addition, the OM RC believed ongoing periodic review of the Examples of Evidence is warranted to ensure they remain current with federal agency accreditation designations and expectations.

Through further discussion, the OM RC also noted that, while not directly related to the proposed revisions, inclusion of HRSA-OSV documentation is appropriate evidence of compliance for programs sponsored by Federally Qualified Health Centers and similar organizations.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Commission on Dental Accreditation adopt the proposed revisions to the Examples of Evidence for Accreditation Standard 1-1 for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Oral Medicine (**Appendix 1**) and direct revision of all related documents for immediate implementation.

CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS RELATING TO MORE THAN ONE REVIEW COMMITTEE

Matters related to more than one review committee are included in a separate report.

CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS RELATED TO ACCREDITATION STATUS

Matters related to accreditation status of programs are included in a separate report.

Respectfully submitted,

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Commission on Dental Accreditation

Proposed Revisions to Examples of Evidence for Standard 1-1

Additions are Underlined
~~Strikethroughs~~ indicate Deletions

Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Oral Medicine

**CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED REVISION TO EXAMPLES OF EVIDENCE FOR
STANDARD 1 OF THE ACCREDITATION STANDARDS FOR ADVANCED DENTAL
EDUCATION PROGRAMS**

Additions are underlined; Deletions are ~~stricken~~

STANDARD 1 – INSTITUTIONAL AND PROGRAM EFFECTIVENESS

1-1 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) or receive regular on-site inspections through the Health Resources and Services Administration Operational Site Visit (HRSA-OSV) process.

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 (AAAHHC); Accreditation Commission for Health Care, Inc. (ACHC); American Association for Accreditation of Ambulatory Surgery Facilities (~~AAAASFQuadA~~); American Osteopathic Association Healthcare Facilities Accreditation Program (AOA/HFAP); Center for Improvement in Healthcare Quality (CIHQ); Community Health Accreditation ~~Program~~ Partner (CHAP); DNV ~~GL~~ Healthcare (DNV~~GL~~); National Dialysis Accreditation Commission (NDAC); The Compliance Team (TCT); The Joint Commission (TJC); National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP); Utilization Review Accreditation Commission (URAC).
Evidence of successful achievement of regular on-site inspections through the Health Resources and Services Administration Operational Site Visit (HRSA-OSV) process.

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

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6 ***Intent:** The educational program demonstrates either: a) documentation of receipt of*
7 *federal aid as evidence to operate, or b) documentation of a state business license as*
8 *evidence to operate. Additionally, as required by the state, the program demonstrates*
9 *authority through an appropriate state agency when issuing a certificate of completion. If*
10 *conferring a degree, the program demonstrates authorization from its institutional*
11 *accrediting agency.*

12 **Examples of evidence to demonstrate compliance may include:**

13 State license or federal authority documenting the institution's approval to operate and
14 confer a credential.

15 Institutional accreditation indicating approval to confer a degree.