

## **REPORT OF THE REVIEW COMMITTEE ON DENTAL ANESTHESIOLOGY EDUCATION TO THE COMMISSION ON DENTAL ACCREDITATION**

Committee Chair: Dr. Joseph Giovannitti. Committee Members: Ms. LaShun James, Dr. Gerard Kugel, Dr. Mana Saraghi, and Dr. Philip Yen. Guests (Open Session Only, Virtual): Dr. Sheila Brear, chief learning officer, American Dental Education Association (ADEA), and Ms. Amy Sarno, executive director, American Dental Board of Anesthesiology (ADBA), attended the policy portion of the meeting. Staff Members: Ms. Peggy Soeldner, manager, Advanced Dental Education; Dr. Yesenia Ruiz, manager, Advanced Dental Education; and Ms. Bridget Blackwood, senior project assistant, Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA). Dr. Sherin Tooks, senior director, CODA, attended a portion of the meeting. The meeting of the Review Committee on Dental Anesthesiology Education (DENTANES RC) was held on July 10, 2024 via a virtual meeting.

**Informational Report on Frequency of Citings of Accreditation Standards For Advanced Dental Education Programs in Dental Anesthesiology (2007) (p. 1500)**: The Review Committee on Dental Anesthesiology Education (DENTANES RC) considered the annual report on the frequency of citings of the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Dental Anesthesiology adopted and implemented January 25, 2007. Significant revisions were made to the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Dental Anesthesiology in 2012 and 2015. The DENTANES RC noted that 29 site visits were conducted from January 25, 2007 through June 30, 2023. An analysis of the site visit reports shows that a total of 24 citings of non-compliance were noted in the reports. Of these, four (4) were related to Standard 1 – Institutional and Program Effectiveness; 12 were related to Standard 2 – Educational Program; six (6) were related to Standard 3 – Faculty and Staff; one (1) was related to Standard 4 – Educational Support Services; and one (1) was related to Standard 5 – Facilities and Resources. No (0) citations were made in Standard 6 – Research. Analysis of the data indicates that Standard 1-5, written agreements, with four (4) citations, was the most frequently cited Standard. The DENTANES RC noted this was the final report on the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Dental Anesthesiology implemented on January 25, 2007. Revised Accreditation Standards were adopted February 10, 2023 with implementation July 1, 2023.

**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 Dental Anesthesiology (2023) (p. 1501)**: The Review Committee on Dental Anesthesiology Education (DENTANES RC) considered the annual report on the frequency of citings of the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Dental Anesthesiology by the Commission on Dental Accreditation at its February 10, 2023 meeting for implementation July 1, 2023. The DENTANES RC noted that since July 1, 2023, two (2) dental anesthesiology site visits have been conducted by visiting committees of the Commission utilizing the July 2023 Standards. To ensure confidentiality, Frequency of Citings

Reports will not be made available where a limited number (three or less) of programs have been site visited. Once there are four (4) or more dental anesthesiology education programs site visited, the non-compliance citations will be analyzed and summarized accordingly. The Commission will continue to receive reports annually summarizing the updated data on the frequency of citations of individual Standards.

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

**Consideration of Proposed Revision to Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs Related to Sponsoring Organization and Authority to Operate (p. 1502):** At its Winter 2022 meeting, the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) directed the formation of an Ad Hoc Committee of all advanced dental education Commissioners to consider the changing landscape of health care delivery centers that may sponsor advanced dental education programs. The Ad Hoc Committee, which met on December 5, 2022 and January 25, 2023, was charged with two (2) primary considerations: 1) the topic of institutional sponsor, whether a sponsor is an academic institution, hospital, or health care organization, and 2) review of the standard found in some advanced dental education disciplines that requires the sponsor to have proper chartering/licensure to operate and offer instruction leading to a degree, diploma or certificate with recognized education validity. A summary of the work of the Ad Hoc Committee and Summer 2023 Review Committee and Commission review is found in **Policy Report p. 1502**.

At its Summer 2024 meeting, the Review Committee on Dental Anesthesiology Education (DENTANES RC) considered the proposed revision to the Accreditation Standards related to the Definition of Terms for Health Care Organization and to chartering and licensure to operate (**Appendix 1, Policy Report p. 1502**). The Review Committee also considered all comments received by the Commission prior to the June 1, 2024 deadline (**Appendix 2, Policy Report p. 1502**). The Review Committee noted that the Commission received no (0) comments at the virtual hearing in conjunction with the 2023 ADA Annual Meeting. The Commission received no (0) comments at the virtual hearing in conjunction with the 2024 ADEA Annual Session. The Commission office received two (2) written comments prior to the June 1, 2024 deadline.

The Review Committee concluded that the proposed revisions provide further clarification of the types of institutions that may sponsor advanced dental education programs and requirements related to the authority to operate and that the inclusion of the proposed definition and revisions in the Dental Anesthesiology Accreditation Standards should have no impact on dental anesthesiology education programs. The Review Committee also considered potential revisions developed by Commission staff, provided at the meeting, to address the general concerns expressed among all comments received for the advanced dental education Standards. The comments received indicated that additional organizations may fulfill the requirement for an institutional accreditor (e.g. Health Resources and Services Administration Operational Site Visit), and there is a need to further clarify the method by which a program demonstrates its authority to operate and authority to confer a certificate and/or degree.

Following consideration, the Review Committee on Dental Anesthesiology Education believed that the proposed Standards found in **Appendix 1**, which include additional wording to address the general comments received by CODA, should be implemented January 1, 2025, and all related Commission documents be updated accordingly. The Review Committee did not believe that circulation of the revision was warranted since the additional revisions further clarified the intent of the Standards.

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the Commission on Dental Accreditation adopt the proposed revisions to the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Dental Anesthesiology related to the Definition of Terms for Health Care Organization and to chartering and licensure to operate (**Appendix 1**) and direct revision of all related documents, for implementation January 1, 2025.

#### **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

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At its Summer 2023 meeting, the Commission directed that the proposed revisions to Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Dental Anesthesiology 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.

**This document represents the proposed revisions based upon review of comment received from communities of interest from August 11, 2023 to June 1, 2024.**

**This document will be considered by the Commission in Summer 2024.**

Revisions in RED, circulated August 11, 2023 to June 1, 2024

Revisions in GREEN, additions following consideration by the Review Committee in Summer 2024

Additions are Underlined;  
~~Strikethroughs~~ indicate Deletions

## Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Dental Anesthesiology

**PROPOSED REVISIONS TO ACCREDITATION STANDARDS FOR ADVANCED  
DENTAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS RELATED TO SPONSORING INSTITUTION  
AND AUTHORITY TO OPERATE**

Additions are underlined; Deletions are ~~stricken~~

**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 GENERAL PRACTICE  
RESIDENCY AND DENTAL ANESTHESIOLOGY:**

The program **must** be sponsored or co-sponsored by either a United States-based hospital, or educational institution or health care organization that is affiliated with an accredited hospital. Each sponsoring and co-sponsoring institution **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 (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.

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

**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