

REPORT OF THE REVIEW COMMITTEE ON ORTHODONTICS AND DENTOFACIAL ORTHOPEDICS EDUCATION TO THE COMMISSION ON DENTAL ACCREDITATION

Committee Chair: Dr. Glenn Sameshima. Committee Members: Dr. Lynda Box, Dr. Parvati Iyer, Dr. Chung How Kau, Dr. Juan Palomo, and Dr. Emile Rossouw. Guests (Open Session Only, Virtual): Ms. Tiah Archer, learning and professional development specialist, American Association of Orthodontists (AAO), Dr. Sheila Brear, chief learning officer, American Dental Education Association (ADEA), and Dr. Reginald Taylor, chair, AAO Council on Orthodontic Education. Commission Staff: Dr. Yesenia Ruiz, manager, Advanced Dental Education, Ms. Peggy Soeldner, senior manager, Administration and Committees, Ms. Taylor Weast, manager, Advanced Dental Education, Ms. Shelby Burgus, senior project assistant, and Dr. Sherin Tookes, senior director, Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA). The meeting of the Review Committee on Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics Education (ORTHO RC) was held on July 11, 2025 via a virtual meeting.

CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS RELATED TO ORTHODONTICS AND DENTOFACIAL ORTHOPEDICS EDUCATION

Informational Report on Frequency of Citings of Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics (p.1100): The Review Committee on Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics Education (ORTHO RC) considered the annual report on the frequency of citings of Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics implemented on July 1, 2022. The ORTHO RC noted there were 20 citings total. Standard 1 Institutional Commitment/Program Effectiveness had two (2) citings, Standard 2 Program Director and Teaching Staff had 13 citings, Standard 3 Facilities and Resources had five (5) citings. There were no (0) citings in Standard 4 Curriculum and Program Duration, Standard 5 Advanced Dental Education Students/Residents, and Standard 6 Research. The most frequently cited standard with four (4) citings occurs in Standard 2-9 related to faculty to student/resident ratio in the entire program. Due to the small number of citings, no further analysis can be made at this time.

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

Informational Report on Frequency of Citings of Accreditation Standards for Clinical Fellowship Training Programs in Craniofacial and Special Care Orthodontics (p. 1101): The Review Committee on Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics Education (ORTHO RC) considered the annual report on the frequency of citings of Accreditation Standards for Clinical Fellowship Training Programs in Craniofacial and Special Care Orthodontics implemented January 1, 2023. The ORTHO RC noted that 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 Clinical Fellowship Training Programs in

Craniofacial and Special Care Orthodontics site visited, the non-compliance citations will be analyzed and summarized accordingly.

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. 1102): 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 to 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 Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics Education (ORTHO RC) examined the proposed revisions to Examples of Evidence in Standard 1 found in **Appendix 1, Policy Report p. 1102**, and noted that while the proposed revisions appeared to be editorial in nature to align with other CMS-recognized accreditation organizations, the ORTHO RC does not recommend adopting the proposed revisions until the Commission on Dental Accreditation further investigates if all the organizations in the CMS-recognized list are appropriate as eligible institutional accreditation organization in accordance with CODA's Standards.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Commission on Dental Accreditation direct there be no revisions at this time to the Examples of Evidence for Accreditation Standard 1 of the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics.

It is further recommended that the Commission on Dental Accreditation direct consideration by the Commission to determine whether all organizations in the list of CMS-recognized accreditation organizations are appropriate as eligible institutional accreditation organizations for dental education programs, in accordance with the Commission's Accreditation Standards, with a future report to the Review Committee and Commission.

Consideration of Proposed Revision to Examples of Evidence for Standard 1 of the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs (p. 1103): 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 to 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 Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics Education (ORTHO RC) examined the proposed revisions to Examples of Evidence in Standard 1 found in **Appendix 1, Policy Report p. 1103**, and noted the proposed revisions appeared to be editorial in nature to align with other CMS-recognized accreditation organizations; however, the ORTHO RC does not recommend adopting the proposed revisions until the Commission on Dental Accreditation further investigates if all the organizations in the CMS-recognized list are appropriate as eligible institutional accreditation organization in accordance with CODA's Standards.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Commission on Dental Accreditation direct there be no revisions at this time to the Examples of Evidence for Accreditation Standard 1 of the Accreditation Standards for Clinical Fellowship Training Programs in Craniofacial and Special Care Orthodontics.

It is further recommended that the Commission on Dental Accreditation direct consideration by the Commission to determine whether all organizations in the list of CMS-recognized accreditation organizations are appropriate as eligible institutional accreditation organizations for dental education programs, in accordance with the Commission's Accreditation Standards, with a future report to the Review Committee and Commission.

**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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