

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, and Dr. Mana Saraghi. Dr. Philip Yen was not in attendance. Commissioner Trainee: Dr. James Tom 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 Dental Anesthesiology Education (DENTANES RC) was held on July 9, 2025 via a virtual meeting.

Informational Report on Frequency of Citings of Accreditation Standards For Advanced Dental Education Programs in Dental Anesthesiology (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 implemented July 1, 2023. The DENTANES RC noted that from July 1, 2023 through October 31, 2024, two (2) dental anesthesiology site visits were conducted by visiting committees of the Commission utilizing the July 2023 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 dental anesthesiology 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. 1501): 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 Dental Anesthesiology Education (DentAnes RC) examined the proposed revisions to Examples of Evidence in Standard 1 found in **(Appendix 1, Policy Report p. 1502)**. The DentAnes RC also noted the PGD RC discussion related to whether all organizations included in the current CMS-recognized list of accreditation organizations should be accepted for CODA-accredited dental education programs.

Through discussion, the DentAnes RC noted that some CMS-recognized accreditation organizations included in the proposed revisions do not appear to be appropriate for sponsoring a dental anesthesiology education program, in particular the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP) and the Utilization Review Accreditation Commission (URAC). Conversely, the DentAnes RC was concerned that the American Osteopathic Association Healthcare Facilities Accreditation Program (AOA/HFAP) was being removed from the list of CMS-recognized accreditation organizations because it believed this organization may be an appropriate sponsor for a dental anesthesiology program. Nevertheless, since it appeared the proposed revisions are editorial in nature and made to align with other CMS-recognized accreditation organizations, the DentAnes RC concluded the proposed revisions should be approved. Further the DentAnes RC believed the implementation of the revisions should be determined by the Commission.

The DentAnes RC further discussed the appropriateness of other CMS-recognized accreditation organizations included in the list, including the proposed revisions. The DentAnes RC concluded that some of the organizations may not be appropriate for sponsoring a dental anesthesiology education program and should be removed from the list. However, following further discussion, the DentAnes RC determined it lacked sufficient information about each CMS-recognized accreditation organization to determine whether any should be removed as an eligible institutional accreditation organization in accordance with CODA's Standards.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Commission on Dental Accreditation adopt the proposed revisions to the Examples of Evidence for Accreditation Standard 1 for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Dental Anesthesiology (**Appendix 1**) and direct revision of all related documents for implementation as determined by the 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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Proposed Revisions to Examples of Evidence for Standard 1-1

Additions are Underlined
~~Strikethroughs~~ indicate Deletions

Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Dental Anesthesiology

**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 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 (AAAHHC); Accreditation Commission for Health Care, Inc. (ACHC); American Association for Accreditation of Ambulatory Surgery Facilities (~~AAAASF~~QuadA); ~~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.
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