

REPORT OF THE REVIEW COMMITTEE ON ENDODONTICS EDUCATION TO THE COMMISSION ON DENTAL ACCREDITATION

Committee Chair: Dr. Fabricio Teixeira. Committee Members: Dr. Carolyn Brown, Dr. Linda Casser, Dr. Melissa Drum (limited attendance), Dr. Timothy Kirkpatrick, and Dr. Josanne O'Dell. Commissioner Trainee: Ms. Shiraz Ibrahim observed the meeting virtually as Commissioner trainee. Guests (Open Session Only, Virtual): Dr. Sheila Brear, chief learning officer, American Dental Education Association (ADEA). Commission Staff: Dr. Yesenia Ruiz, manager, Advanced Dental Education, Ms. Peggy Soeldner, senior manager, Administration and Committees, and Ms. Taylor Weast, manager, Advanced Dental Education, Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA). The meeting of the Review Committee on Endodontics Education (ENDO RC) was held on July 7, 2025 via a virtual meeting.

CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS RELATED TO ENDODONTICS EDUCATION

Informational Report on Frequency of Citings of Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Endodontics (p. 700): The Review Committee on Endodontics Education (ENDO RC) considered the annual report on the frequency of citings of the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Endodontics implemented on July 1, 2022. The ENDO RC noted there have been four (4) citings during the period covered by this report. Standard 3 Facilities and Resources had one (1) citing, Standard 4 Curriculum and Program Duration had two (2) citings, and Standard 5 Advanced Dental Education Students/Residents had one (1) citing. There were no (0) citings in Standard 1 Institutional Commitment/Program Effectiveness; Standard 2 Program Director and Teaching Staff; and Standard 6 Research. Due to the limited number of citings, no analysis can be performed at this time.

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. 701): 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 Endodontics Education (ENDO RC) examined the proposed revisions to Examples of Evidence in Standard 1 found in **Appendix 1, Policy Report p. 701**, and noted the proposed revisions appeared to be editorial in nature to align with other CMS-recognized accreditation organizations and concluded they should be approved as presented, for immediate implementation.

The ENDO RC noted that some of the organizations included in the list may be inappropriate for endodontics programs and may warrant removal from the list. Following lengthy discussion, the ENDO RC determined it lacked sufficient information about each CMS-recognized accreditation organization to determine its appropriateness as an eligible institutional accreditation organization in accordance with CODA's Standards. Therefore, the ENDO RC determined that further discussion be postponed until its Winter 2026 meeting, and an evaluation by the Commission on Dental Accreditation should occur related to appropriate institutional accreditation organizations as presented in the CMS-recognized organization list.

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

It is further recommended that the Commission on Dental Accreditation direct consideration by the Commission of the list of CMS-recognized accreditation organizations in the Examples of Evidence for Accreditation Standard 1 of the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Endodontics, with a report to the Review Committee and Commission for consideration in Winter 2026.

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

Additions are Underlined
~~Strikethroughs~~ indicate Deletions

Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Endodontics

**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

Hospitals that sponsor advanced dental education programs **must** be accredited by an accreditation organization recognized by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). Educational institutions that sponsor advanced dental education programs **must** be accredited by an agency recognized by the United States Department of Education. Health care organizations that sponsor advanced dental education programs **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. The bylaws, rules and regulations of hospitals or health care organizations that sponsor or provide a substantial portion of advanced dental education programs **must** assure that dentists are eligible for medical staff membership and privileges including the right to vote, hold office, serve on medical staff committees and admit, manage and discharge patients.

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 (AAAH); Accreditation Commission for Health Care, Inc. (ACHC); American Association for Accreditation of Ambulatory Surgery Facilities (~~AAAAASFQuadA~~); ~~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.

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.