

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

Committee Chair: Dr. Scott DeRossi. Committee Members: Dr. Michael Brennan, Dr. Michael DeBellis, Ms. Jennifer Barber, and Dr. Thomas Sollecito. Guest (Open Session Only): Dr. Sheila Brear, chief learning officer, American Dental Education Association, and Dr. Jaisri Thoppay, executive board member, American Academy of Oral Medicine, attended the policy portion of the meeting. Staff Member: Ms. Peggy Soeldner, manager, Advanced Dental Education, CODA. The meeting of the Review Committee on Oral Medicine Education (OM RC) was held on July 12, 2022 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 (p. 1600): The Review Committee on Oral Medicine Education (OM RC) considered a summary report of the number of “must” statement citings and their distribution among the “must” statements in the current Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Oral Medicine. This report presents the number of times areas of non-compliance were cited by visiting committees conducting site visits from August 2, 2019 through October 31, 2021. During this time, no (0) oral medicine site visits were conducted. 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 of Standard 1-1 of the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Oral Medicine Related to Institutional Accreditation (p. 1601): As directed by the Commission at its Summer 2021 meeting, Standard 1-1 of the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Oral Medicine were circulated for comment through June 1, 2022.

At this meeting, the Oral Medicine Review Committee (OM RC) considered the proposed revision to Standard 1-1 of the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Oral Medicine (**Appendix 1, Policy Report p. 1601**) and the comments received prior to the June 1, 2022 deadline (**Appendix 2, Policy Report p. 1601**). No (0) comments were received at the ADA Virtual Hearing and no (0) comments were received at the ADEA Virtual Hearing. The Commission office received one (1) written comment prior to the June 1, 2022 deadline.

Through discussion, the OM RC noted the ongoing work of the Ad Hoc Committee to study the changing landscape of healthcare delivery centers that may sponsor advanced dental education programs and the potential for additional revisions to Standard 1-1 as a result of the work of that Committee. As a result, the OM RC believed postponing further consideration of the proposed

revision to Standard 1-1 is warranted. Therefore, the OM RC recommended postponing further consideration of this proposed revision until the work of the Ad Hoc Committee is completed.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Commission on Dental Accreditation direct further consideration of the proposed revision to Standard 1-1 of the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Oral Medicine be postponed until the work of the Ad Hoc Committee to study the changing landscape of healthcare delivery centers that may sponsor advanced dental education programs is completed.

Consideration of the Policy on Enrollment Increases in Advanced Dental Education

Programs (p. 1602): At its Winter 2022 meeting, through consideration of proposed revisions to miscellaneous policies, including the Policy on Enrollment Increases in Advanced Dental Education Programs, the Standing Committee on Documentation and Policy Review learned that advanced dental education disciplines in advanced education in general dentistry, general practice residency, dental anesthesiology, oral medicine, and orofacial pain do not have authorized enrollment. Instead, these disciplines follow a process outlined in the Policy on Enrollment Increases in Advanced Dental Education Programs for determining when and how an increase in enrollment must be reported to CODA, which includes consideration of the enrollment at the time of the last site visit and any prior approval of an increase in enrollment and a preliminary review by the discipline-specific review committee chair to determine the requirement for review and approval by the full Commission. The Standing Committee learned that the complexity of this process often causes confusion and uncertainty in when and how to report an enrollment increase. Therefore, the Standing Committee believed input from the affected review committees is warranted and recommended that the Commission direct the Review Committees on Postdoctoral General Dentistry, Dental Anesthesiology, Oral Medicine and Orofacial Pain to review the Policy on Enrollment Increases in Advanced Dental Education Programs and consider the implementation of authorized enrollment for programs in these disciplines for consideration at the Winter 2023 meeting of the Standing Committee on Documentation and Policy Review and the Commission. At its Winter 2022 meeting, the Commission concurred.

At this meeting, the Oral Medicine Review Committee (OM RC) is reviewed the Policy on Enrollment Increases in Advanced Dental Education Programs (**Appendix 1, Policy Report 1602**) as directed. The OM RC discussed the current process used in considering oral medicine enrollment increases and how it differs from that used in the authorized enrollment process. The OM RC also discussed the advantages and disadvantages of each, noting the current process provides flexibility for reporting unexpected and/or temporary increases in enrollment that are not substantial and can be reviewed by the OM RC Chair, which is not a process readily available through the authorized enrollment policy. Therefore, the OM RC concluded that the process currently used is appropriate for oral medicine programs and that implementation of authorized enrollment is not warranted at this time.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Standing Committee on Documentation and Policy be informed that the Oral Medicine Review Committee does not believe authorized enrollment is warranted for this discipline.

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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