



Notice of Proposed Changes Relating to Continuing Education and Licensure Requirements for Sedation Permit Holders in the Regulations of the Dental Board

Proposed Regulations - FAQ

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Additional Education and Continuing Education for Renewal of Sedation Permits

12 AAC 28.010-28.015- Permit requirements for use of deep sedation or general anesthesia.

1. What are the new licensing and continuing education requirements being proposed?

The proposed changes to the regulations will:

- Clarify the renewal requirements for a deep sedation/general anesthesia permit when administering sedation to patients younger than 13 years of age, patients 13 years of age and older. (12 AAC 28.010(e))
- Require deep sedation/general anesthesia permit holders at renewal to document 20 of the 50 required sedation cases, for patients younger than 13 years of age. (12 AAC 28.010(e))
- Clarify the initial requirements for obtaining a moderate sedation permit for administering sedation to patients 13 years of age and older. The applicant must provide proof of completion of an additional 30 hours of board-approved coursework in pediatric moderate sedation, and provide proof of administration of sedation for at least 20 patients younger than 13 years of age, before administering sedation to patients under the age of 13. (12 AAC 28.015(e)(2))
- Clarify the initial requirements for obtaining a moderate sedation permit for administering sedation to patients younger than 13 years of age. The required coursework must be a CODA accredited residency in pediatric dentistry, or 60 hours of continuing education coursework in pediatric moderate sedation approved by the board. (12 AAC 28.015(f)(1)(2))
- Clarify renewal requirements for moderate or minimal sedation holders. On or after March 1, 2019, the dentist seeking to renew their moderate or minimal sedation permit must provide proof of a pediatric advanced life support course if administering moderate or minimal sedation to patients younger than 13 years of age. A permit holder must provide proof of a minimum of four hours of CE relating specifically to hands-on advanced airway management of patients 13 years of age or older, and if providing moderate or minimal sedation to patients younger than 13 years of age, an additional four hours of CE relating specifically to hands-on advanced airway management of patients younger than 13 years of age. (12 AAC 28.015(h))
- Add renewal requirements for a moderate or minimal sedation permit holder administering sedation to patients younger than 13 years of age. On or after March 1, 2019, the permit holder must provide documentation of administering 25 sedation cases, of which 10 must be performed on patients younger than 13 years of age. (12 AAC 28.015(h)(5))

- Add requirements for a moderate or minimal sedation permit for sedating patients under 13 years of age if they currently do not have the endorsement. On or after March 1, 2019, must provide proof of administration of sedation for at least 20 individually managed patients younger than 13 years of age, if they want to add the endorsement to sedate patients younger than 13 years of age. (12 AAC 28.015(j))

2. Why are the new requirements being proposed?

There is a demonstrated need for sedation permit holders who administer all types of sedation to patients younger than 13 years of age. There are numerous cases of catastrophic results including death of children in a variety of states, due to lack of sufficient training in pediatric sedation. The sedation of children younger than 13 years of age is not the same as sedating small adults and the board's opinion is that extra training specific to pediatric sedation is required to perform in as safe a manner as possible while in a non-hospital setting.

Monitoring of Patients During Sedation-

12 AAC 28.060-062

1. What are the new regulations being proposed?

12 AAC 28.060(d)(2) is being repealed regarding monitoring of patients. This will be moved to two different sections in 28.061 and 28.062. It also changes the requirements for certain types of monitoring devices when the behavior of a young child prevents the use of the devices.

2. Why are the new requirements being proposed?

This is not an additional requirement, but moving the wording from one section to two separate sections for clarification purposes. It also allows the dentist sedating patients younger than 13 years of age to not monitor the patient if the patient's behavior prevents it.

Additional questions-

1. What is the cost to private persons?

There is no cost to the consumer, however a dentist seeking to obtain a new sedation permit may spend additional money for the required training.

2. After March 1, 2019, can I still orally sedate children younger than 13 years of age with my moderate sedation permit without the additional training?

No. The additional training required under the new subsection, 12 AAC 28.015(j), will require all current moderate sedation permit holders to provide proof of an additional 30 hours of board approved continuing education in pediatric moderate sedation, and provide proof of administering 20 individually managed cases of patients younger than 13 years of age.

3. Is there a mechanism to receive a pediatric moderate sedation permit only without completing a pediatric residency?

Yes, it will require 60 hours of pediatric moderate sedation continuing education approved by the board, and documentation of 20 individually managed pediatric patients.

4. How will I know if the coursework I plan to take will be approved by the board?

Submit the intended coursework to the licensing examiner for board review and approval prior to taking the courses. Coursework should usually be CERP, ADA, AGD, PACE, CODA or AAPD certified or approved.

5. Can I earn a pediatric endorsement on my moderate sedation permit at anytime or only at renewal?

Anytime, as long as you complete the additional coursework as described, and submit to the board for approval.

6. Are there additional educational requirements to earn a pediatric endorsement on my deep sedation or general anesthesia permit?

Yes, you must be PALS certified if providing sedation to patients younger than 13 years of age.

7. Are there new requirements for the renewal of a pediatric sedation endorsement on my deep or general anesthesia permit, or a moderate sedation permit?

Yes, a minimum number of sedation cases completed during the biennial renewal period must be on pediatric patients and you must remain PALS certified.

8. May I provide sedation to patients younger than 13 years of age if it is not noted on my sedation permit.

No, before sedating patients younger than 13 years of age you must submit the required documentation in pediatric sedation training and PALS certification. Once received and approved by the board, the designation will be added to your permit and you will be allowed to administer sedation to patients younger than 13 years of age.