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Notice to Anesthesia/Sedation Permit Holders

The Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (“Department”) and the Illinois Board of Dentistry remind all dental providers, with Permit A for the administration of moderate sedation (conscious sedation) or Permit B for deep sedation and general anesthesia, to be familiar with their permit’s practice requirements.

Please visit www.idfpr.com or contact the Department at 1-888-473-4858 for more information about the Illinois Dental Practice Act (“Act”), 225 ILCS 25/et seq. and the Act’s Administrative Rules, 68 IAC 1220/et seq.

Please be aware of the following, which is only a partial list of applicable laws:

1. “Each dental office in this State must develop and implement a written emergency medical plan, which shall include staff responsibilities and office protocol for emergency procedures.” Please see the Act at 225 ILCS 44.5(a).

2. Permit holders are also required to have semi-annual emergency drills with staff that participates in Permit A or B related activities. Please see the Act’s Administrative Rules at 68 IAC 1220.525(a)(3).

3. “All dental offices that administer anesthesia or sedation must contain at least one automated external defibrillator (AED) on the premises at all times.” Please see the Act at 225 ILCS 44.5(B).

4. The anesthesia team must consist of three (3) members. Assistants must be basic life support certified, and at least one of the assistants must have completed a twelve (12) hour approved anesthesia assistants monitoring course. Please see the Act’s Administrative Rules at 68 IAC 1220.510.

5. For Permit A moderate sedation (conscious sedation), “The drugs and/or techniques used must carry a margin of safety wide enough to render unintended loss of consciousness unlikely.” The Department has determined that drugs such as Brevital, Propofol, and Ketamine, which are used to induce general anesthesia, are not permitted for the administration of moderate sedation. Please see the Act’s Administrative Rules at 68 IAC 1220.510(a).

6. Practitioners must maintain current Advanced Cardiac Life Support or where appropriate current Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) certification. Please see the Act’s Administrative Rules at 68 IAC 1220.510(a)(3) and 520(a)(3).

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