South Dakota State Board of Dentistry Gift of Appreciation Declaratory Ruling

Understanding that licensees may provide a gift of appreciation to a patient or other licensee as a token of appreciation for a patient referral;

Be it resolved, the South Dakota State Board of Dentistry determines that a licensee who gives a gift of appreciation to a client or to another licensee for a patient referral would not be in violation of SDCL 36-6A-39 so long as no agreement existed in advance of the referral to provide a gift for said referral.

Unanimously approved January 11, 2013.