

SD Board of Dentistry

Administrative Rules Hearing

St. Charles Hotel, Pierre

1/6/2006

Dr. James Nyberg convened the rules hearing at 10:00 am. Steve Willard moderated the hearing.

Present were: Audrey Ticknor, Dr. Robin Hattervig, Dr. James Nyberg, Dr. Randy Sachau, Dr. Geoffrey Johnson, Joan Adam, Dr. Herbert McClellan, Steve Willard and Dawn Sass. Guests were: Paul Knecht, Suzanne Luken and Aleshia Brueggeman.

Willard summarized the rules process up to the meeting and reviewed the steps remaining for the rules to become effective. Written comments regarding the proposed rules were distributed. Two letters had been received (both supportive).

The group chose to discuss the proposed rules one at a time. The current and suggested language was distributed to those present. The final language is attached.

20:43:04:02 Dental Technicians Work Order

The proposed change would eliminate the requirement that work orders be written, thereby allowing them to be transmitted electronically. Willard reviewed the language and the history of the issue. It was driven by statutory change made in 2004 and is supported by each of the three dental professional associations (the dentists, the hygienists and the dental assistants).

The group discussed the rule and its language. No changes were recommended to the language that had been distributed.

20:43:07:10 Continuing Education Requirements

At this time, certification in dental radiography requires that one hour of continuing education be completed each year. The proposed change would allow that five hours of continuing education be completed every five year cycle.

There was lengthy discussion about the merits of making such a change and there were no objections nor changes to the proposed language.

20:43:08:11 Procedures that may not be delegated

20:43:09:06 Nitrous oxide permit requirements – dental hygienists and advanced dental assistants

One proposed change would affect two rules. The proposal would allow advanced dental assistants to administer nitrous oxide analgesia under the direct supervision of a dentist. At this time, dentists and hygienists administer “nitrous” and advanced dental assistants are specifically prohibited.

The revision was supported by each of the dental associations. And while there was strong support for the concept, the semantics of how to accomplish such a change was discussed at length. The staff at the legislative research council had suggested several changes, which the group discussed and eventually adopted.

The Board discussed providing administrative and financial support for licensees who would be taking the new courses. Their preference is for everyone to take the expanded course once approved, but will try to accommodate those who have taken a course in the recent past.

Nyberg asked the audience for any additional feedback. There was none. Motion to support the changes to the administrative rules as amended by Joan Adam. Second by Randy Sachau. Motion carried.

Nyberg asked if there were any additional comments from the audience or from the Board. There was none and he adjourned the rules hearing at 10:45 am.