

How does the South Dakota Board of Dentistry (“Board”) define “demonstrate continued competency” for a person renewing a general anesthesia, deep sedation, or moderate sedation permit pursuant to ARSD 20:43:09:08 – Advisory Opinion.

It is the recommendation of the Board that to maintain a competent skill set for the administration of general anesthesia, deep sedation, and/or moderate sedation, a dentist is required to attend the 25 hours of requisite continuing education in anesthesia related topics per the five-year licensure cycle as set forth in ARSD 20:43:03:07. In addition, the dentist has to have performed, at a minimum, the following number of cases in the five-year licensure and inspection cycle:

- 25 cases of moderate sedation per year
- 50 cases of general anesthesia or deep sedation per year

This advisory opinion was rendered by the Board following discussion of the rules regarding continued competency. Although advisory opinions are not judicially reviewable and do not have the force and effect of law, they do serve as a guideline for dentists who wish to engage in safe dental practices. This advisory opinion was adopted at the meeting of the South Dakota Board of Dentistry on January 13, 2017.