

Department considerations for implementation of LB80:

Recent legislation outlines requirements for licensed dentists in Nebraska providing anesthesia or sedation for patients during dental procedures on an outpatient basis within the dental office. The Department recognizes that the minimal sedation permit established as a result of the legislation lists education requirements for licensed dentists which may not have been previously completed. The Board will be meeting on July 15, 2016, to approve the training guidelines for minimal sedation.

Those dentists with an active license in Nebraska as of July 1, 2016, who have previously provided minimal sedation for patients during an in-office dental procedure, may continue to provide that service during their application process but no later than October 17, 2016, without being issued a permit to administer minimal sedation by the Department.

During the interim from July 1, 2016 to October 17, 2016, the Department will:

- 1) Accept applications for licensed dentists who submit documentation of completed education or training that meets the Board approved requirements, and
- 2) Accept applications up to October 17, 2016, for licensed dentists to complete and submit documentation of education and training that meets the Board approved requirements.

This applies only to applicants for a permit to administer minimal sedation who:

- 1) Have been actively licensed in the state of Nebraska as of July 1, 2016;
- 2) Have not been issued discipline related to competent practice, clinical standards and records, or patient safety issues;
- 3) Have previously served patients on an outpatient basis requiring minimal sedation as a method of anxiety and pain control during an outpatient dental procedure.

Per Neb. Rev. Stat. § 38-1112: Minimal sedation means a drug-induced depression of consciousness during which (1) a patient retains the ability to independently and continuously maintain an airway and respond normally to tactile stimulation and verbal command, (2) cognitive function and coordination may be modestly impaired, and (3) ventilatory and cardiovascular functions are unaffected.



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