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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Colorado Licensed Dentists

FROM: Maulid Miskell, Program Director on behalf of the
State Board of Dental Examiners

SUBJECT: Seeking applicants to serve on a volunteer committee -
"Anesthesia Application Review Committee"

DATE: May 4, 2011

Greetings: your State Board of Dental Examiners ("Board") is currently seeking qualified candidates who are actively permitted or privileged to administer anesthesia at a moderate sedation or general sedation/deep anesthesia level and are interested in applying their knowledge, skills, and professional experience as volunteer consultants to serve on a newly created "Anesthesia Application Review Committee." The core activity of the committee will be to review dental anesthesia/sedation applications in order to determine whether a dentist's education or a combination of education/experience meets the requirements set forth in *Board Rule XIV. Anesthesia*. Some applications will be supplemented by actual anesthesia cases necessary to fulfill the practical experience requirements outlined in the rule. The anesthesia cases are to be reviewed by the committee in order to determine whether or not the dentist demonstrates the ability to provide anesthesia/sedation within the minimally accepted standard of care for the safe administration of anesthesia in the state of Colorado.

The Board spent all of 2009 and the early part of 2010 reworking its rules related to the administration of anesthesia. Those efforts, which included consideration of public testimony at two rulemaking hearings and multiple draft revisions, resulted in a single and comprehensive rule to issue anesthesia permits and privileges to licensees based upon the level of anesthesia administered rather than the route of administration or any medication. This amended rule went into effect on March 30, 2010. You may view a copy of Board's current *Rule XIV. Anesthesia* at <http://www.dora.state.co.us/dental/Rules.pdf>.

The "Anesthesia Application Review Committee" will be composed of 5 volunteer members who are committed to serving out a 2-year term. Serving on this committee as a volunteer will require roughly 6-10 hours of your time every 5 weeks (on average 60 anesthesia applications from dentists are processed in a year), which includes thoroughly reviewing materials ahead of time and meeting to discuss recommendations to the Board on how to proceed with each application. These meetings will be scheduled at a time established by the committee members roughly 3 weeks in advance of an Open Licensing Panel meeting of the Board. You may view the Board's meeting schedule for the remainder of the year at <http://www.dora.state.co.us/dental/board/meetings.htm>. Please note that the Open



Licensing portion of a panel meeting will be handled by Panel A starting on July 1, 2011 and will conclude on December 31, 2011. Panel B will then pick up those duties for the year 2012 and all subsequent even numbered years, and Panel A will have 2013 and all subsequent odd numbered years.

Teleconferencing will be available for those selected members on the committee who may have a lengthy commute in order to attend a meeting. The committee will be composed of a combination of dentists permitted or privileged at different levels of anesthesia (moderate and higher) and from varied practice settings. The committee's active membership will be an odd number, in order to avoid a potential tie on a decision, consisting 5 members serving a 2-year term each. New members may be selected from a pool of qualified candidates if a member is no longer able to fulfill his or her obligation or if a term is completed. The committee will be tasked with making a recommendation to the appropriate panel on whether to grant, deny, or table each anesthesia application for additional information based upon a thorough review of the documentation submitted. Recommendations will be made by applying the current applicable rule and utilizing the committee's collective knowledge, skills, and professional experience to establish whether anesthesia cases, whenever applicable, are within the minimally accepted general standard of care for the safe administration of anesthesia in the state of Colorado. The committee will also be charged with reviewing office inspection reports for those applicants who have been granted a temporary permit or privilege in order to make a final recommendation.

If you are interested in being considered as a committee member, please submit your current curriculum vitae (CV) to my email address at maulid.miskell@dora.state.co.us. Please include information you think is important to consider as part of this application process. Credentials or experience you may want to disclose as part of your CV may include the following, if applicable:

- Specialty or area of focus
- Active board certification(s)
- Residency
- Status of life support training (BLS, ACLS, PALS – include dates)
- The number and types of anesthesia cases you handle in a given year
- A list of anesthesia related continuing education completed in the last 3-5 years
- Any other pertinent information highlighting your knowledge, skills, and professional experience in this area

It is the Board's desire to establish a committee of 5 members at the July 14th Full Board meeting and to activate this committee in time to begin making recommendations for the August panel meetings.

Thank you for your consideration and interest.

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