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Subject: RE: FW: Sedation Standard

Hi everyone,

I don't think that I can speak knowledgeably about this issue. However, based on the registrar's report, it seems to me that the Sedation Standard should perhaps be updated. You may want to consider adding the issue to the June council agenda?

Thanks,

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Happy Friday, Jaime!

I am just drafting the SOHP- F Agenda and wanted to circle back to a nitrous discuss with the CDSS. This topic does not need to be addressed with the entire group so I am bringing it to your attention individually.

The CDSS Sedation Standard references the following (p. 11):

5. Patients must be monitored by an appropriately trained dentist, or an appropriately trained registered nurse, registered respiratory therapist, licensed practical nurse, or a registered dental assistant, or a dental therapist under the supervision of a dentist, by direct and continuous clinical observation for level of consciousness and assessment of vital signs which may include heart rate,

blood pressure, and respiration preoperatively, intraoperatively and postoperatively, as necessary.

We sought clarification for the omission of dental hygienists in this section. We understood there to be resolution based on CDSS Registrar's Report (2022 Annual Report):

They were concerned that dental hygienist was omitted from the list of suggested professionals who can do vital sign monitoring.

We confirmed that:

- 1. the omission of dental hygienist from the list was an oversight.*
- 2. we will edit the standard and replace referencing specific professions with terminology that speaks to any professional where vital sign monitoring is within their scope of practice.*
- 3. we do not regulate non-CDSS registrants' scope of practice.*
- 4. we agree with SDHA that nitrous oxide sedation delivery is not in the scope of practice of dental hygienists and our registrants should not be having their DH's operate nitrous oxide delivery devices.*
- 5. No other oral health professionals should deliver nitrous oxide as it is not in their scope of practice regardless of if they have taken training post-graduation.*

Could you keep me apprised if/when you make change to this document? We direct dental hygienists to refrain from monitoring a patient in our position statement based on the omission mentioned above and would need to make appropriate changes.

In appreciation,

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