**Sedation and General Anesthesia Standard**

Considerations

1. MOTION – With respect to repeal of section 25 of the DDA, the CDSS Sedation Standard (Page 5) Section 10

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2. MOTION – With respect to the exclusion of dental hygienists in the ability to monitor minimal sedation with nitrous oxide administration, that the CDSS Sedation Standard (Page 11) Section 5

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*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 professional where vital sign monitoring is within their scope of practice 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.*

3. DISCUSSION – The standard references on (Page 11) Section 5 of Minimal Sedation – Nitrous Oxide Administration that:

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But in the Minimal Sedation – Oral Administration of a Single Drug section, there is no reference to the monitoring of a patient.

Obviously, the dentist is responsible for the administration and supervision of the oral sedation, but the monitoring of the patient during the procedure – is it equivalent to the monitoring of a nitrous oxide patient or is the dentist required to monitor the entire procedure.

4. DISCUSSION – If a dentist does not achieve the required number of cases for the renewal of a sedation permit, what is the remediation action implemented by the Registrar for the registrant to allow for the permit renewal.

5. The legal counsel of the College is evaluating the sedation standard for improvements and recommendations which will probably lead to further suggestions for amendment.

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