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Assessment Services Program (ASP)

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ASP in 25 Words or Less

Multi-faceted program provided by AADB to assist dental boards in their regulation of the dental profession by offering independent expert review, assessment, and remediation services.

AADB At A Glance

- Sole association of state dental boards and those people who work on *or* with dental boards
- Membership includes:
 - State Dental Boards
 - Some Dental Specialty Boards
 - Current Board Members
 - Past Board Members
 - Board Administrators & Examiners
 - Testing Agencies
- Mission: Assist dental boards in their regulation of the dental profession and their protection of the public.
- AADB website: www.dentalboards.org

AADB At A Glance (cont.)

- AADB provides its members . . .
 - Forum for exchange and networking
 - Data and general information
 - Representation and advocacy
 - Services
- Key Services: Assessment Services Program (ASP)

ASP: Overview of the Program

- Program available to all state dental boards
- NO membership fees; pay-as-you-go
- 3 separate and distinct services . . .
 - Expert Review Assessment (ERA)
 - Dentist Professional Review and Evaluation Program (D-PREP)
 - Remediation
- We'll take a quick look at all three . . .

Expert Review Assessment (ERA)

- Designed for pending board disciplinary cases/hearings
- Impartial outside opinion sought
- Time is of the essence
- ERA provides boards with . . .
 - Independent expert review and case analysis
 - Written report
 - Expert testimony if needed
- Key objective: Determining whether the care, treatment, and/or conduct met the applicable state standards

Expert Review Assessment (cont.)

- AADB maintains team of experts
- All experts receive special training
- All major specialties are covered
- Review and report within 30-45 days
- Total fee: \$1,500
- Expert may also be retained as witness

Dentist-Professional Review and Evaluation Program

- D-PREP = Comprehensive Review and Evaluation Program
- Modeled after the PACE program for physicians
- Goal: To evaluate and assess the dentist's ability to safely return to practice
AND to determine the appropriate remediation for re-instatement

D-PREP (cont.)

- Dentist selects one of three dental schools:
 - Marquette
 - The University of Maryland
 - Louisiana State University
- Assessment typically 4-5 days at school
Comprehensive assessment, NOT just the practice deficiencies cited in the order/decreed
- D-PREP includes . . .
 - Observation of performance
 - Analysis of performance
 - Assessment of clinical knowledge/judgement
 - Development of remediation curriculum

D-PREP (cont.)

- School delivers comprehensive report directly to Board
- School makes one of three recommendations . . .
 - Should NOT practice
 - Practice suspended pending remediation
 - Practice with concurrent remediation
- Remediation curriculum specifically tailored to the dentist
- Dentist pays ALL D-PREP fees
- AADB staff manages the entire process

Remediation

- Next step after the D-PREP assessment process
- Based on the D-PREP final assessment report
- Customized curriculum to address practice deficiencies
- NOT a group of general CE courses
- Goal of Remediation: License Re-instatement

Remediation (cont.)

- Remediation site (dental school) selected
 - One of the three D-PREP schools plus Nova Southeastern University
 - Another dental school approved by board
- Remediation site reviews D-PREP final report
- Remediation site develops customized curriculum
- State dental board approves the curriculum
 - Approval NOT guaranty of re-instatement
 - Successful completion is required

Remediation (cont.)

- Combination of on-site *and* on-line training
- Fees paid by dentist; vary with curriculum
- More sites = more convenience and less cost
- AADB staff manages the entire process

Assessment Services Program In A Nutshell

- Valuable services to dental boards during both the disciplinary and re-instatement processes
- Vast majority of program costs are borne by the respondent dentists, NOT the boards
- Centralized program available to all dental boards which avoids wasteful redundancy
- Uniform program providing consistency for disciplinary and reinstatement cases
- Administered and coordinated by a re-organized and well-trained AADB staff

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