Assessment Services Program (ASP)

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ASP in 25 Words of 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.

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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/decree

- 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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