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**Board Policy #2023-01
Sedation Requirements Which Will Not be Enforced in Hospital Settings**

At its February 10, 2023 meeting, the Maine Board of Dental Practice (“the Board”) voted to adopt a policy identifying certain circumstances when it will not enforce the advanced life support certification and 14-Day Notification requirements when sedation and/or general anesthesia is provided as part of a patient’s dental treatment within a hospital licensed by the Maine Department of Health and Human Services. The circumstances identified in this policy will apply until the Board completes a state agency rulemaking process to formally adopt exemptions for these circumstances in Board Rules, Chapter 14, “Rules for Use of Sedation and General Anesthesia” or until the Board votes to amend this policy.

The following criteria are the circumstances under which this policy applies:

- When a licensee is the operating dentist and is providing dental treatment in a state licensed hospital setting where the licensee is credentialed, the Board will not enforce Chapter 14, Section V(H)(1)(B)’s requirement that the licensee obtain and maintain advanced life support certification.
- When a licensee is the operating dentist and is providing dental treatment in a state licensed hospital setting where the licensee is credentialed, the Board will not enforce Chapter 14, Section XIII’s 14-day notification requirements.

This policy recognizes existing federal and state medical regulations that apply to state licensed hospitals, including the use of sedation and/or general anesthesia as part of a dental treatment plan that far exceed the Dental Board’s sedation and general anesthesia regulations. In part, patient safety in a state licensed hospital setting is ensured as many highly trained and qualified health care providers are present at the hospital and would be able to quickly provide emergent care should it become necessary.

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