21 NCAC 16G .0101 is amended as published in 40:24 NCR 2028 as follows:

SUBCHAPTER 16G - DENTAL HYGIENISTS

SECTION .0100 - FUNCTIONS THAT MAY BE DELEGATED

21 NCAC 16G .0101 FUNCTIONS THAT MAY BE DELEGATED

A dental hygienist may be delegated functions to be performed under the control and supervision of a dentist who shall be responsible for any and all consequences or results arising from performance of such acts and functions. In addition to the functions set out in G.S. 90-221(a) and 21 NCAC 16H .0203, functions that may be delegated to a dental hygienist provided that the dentist first examined the patient and prescribed the procedure include:

(1) performing periodontal screening;

(2) performing periodontal probing;

(3) performing subgingival exploration for or removal of hard or soft deposits;

(4) performing sulcular irrigation;

(5) applying resorbable sulcular antimicrobial or antibiotic agents;

(6) using ultrasonic scalers for prophylaxis;

(7) performing scaling and root planning;

(8) applying oral cancer screening products in preparation for the dentist's examination and diagnosis of oral cancer;

(9) using laser fluorescence detectors in preparation for the dentist's examination and diagnosis of cavities;

(10) applying resin infiltration treatment for incipient smooth surface lesions, following the dentist's diagnosis that the lesion is non-penetrable; ~~or~~

(11) applying silver diamine ~~fluoride.~~fluoride;

(12) monitoring nitrous oxide subject to the requirements of 21 NCAC 16G. 0110; or

(13) initiating and administering nitrous oxide subject to the requirements of 21 NCAC 16G. 0111.

History Note: *Authority 90-29(c)(7); 90-29(c)(13); ~~90-41;~~ 90-48; 90-221; 90-223(b); 90-233;*
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21 NCAC 16G .0110 is adopted with changes as published in 40:24 NCR 2028-29 as follows:

21 NCAC 16G .0110 EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR DENTAL HYGIENIST MONITORING NITROUS OXIDE

(a) A dental hygienist may aid and assist a licensed dentist in the monitoring of nitrous oxide-oxygen inhalant sedation under the control and supervision of a dentist ~~by completing~~ if the dental hygienist completes a Board-approved course totaling at least seven hours that covers the following topics:

(1) definitions and descriptions of physiological and psychological aspects of pain and anxiety;

(2) the states of drug-induced central nervous system depression through all levels of consciousness and unconsciousness, with emphasis on the distinction between the conscious and unconscious state;

(3) respiratory and circulatory physiology, and related anatomy;

(4) pharmacology of agents used in the nitrous oxide techniques being taught, including drug interaction and incompatibility;

(5) patient monitoring, with particular attention to vital signs and reflexes related to consciousness;

(6) prevention, recognition, and management of complications and life-threatening situations that may occur during the use of the nitrous oxide techniques, including cardiopulmonary resuscitation;

(7) description and use of ventilation sedation equipment; and

(8) potential health hazards of trace anesthetics, and proposed techniques for elimination of these potential health hazards.

(b) Courses approved to satisfy the educational requirements of this Rule shall be provided and taught by:

(1) an instructor who is a dentist holding an unrestricted license as defined by 21 NCAC 16A .0101(7);

(2) an instructor licensed pursuant to 21 NCAC 16B .0701; or

(3) a dental hygienist or dental assistant under the direction of an instructor who satisfies the requirements of Subparagraph (b)(1) or (b)(2) of this Rule, who shall be physically present and administer nitrous oxide if it is administered in the course.

(c) Courses shall be reviewed at any Board meeting and may be approved ~~by~~ if a majority of the Board ~~to satisfy~~ agrees that the course satisfies the educational requirements of this Rule. A list of approved courses is available on the Board's website at ~~www.ncdentalboard.org.~~ https://www.ncdentalboard.org/continuing_education.htm.

(d) "Monitoring" for purposes of nitrous oxide monitoring only means observation of the patient during the flow of nitrous oxide and includes reducing the flow of nitrous oxide or shutting off equipment controlling such flow. "Monitoring" does not include initiating or increasing the flow of nitrous oxide.

History Note: *Authority 90-29(c)(7); 90-29(c)(13); 90-223(b); 90-233;*
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21 NCAC 16G .0111 is adopted with changes as published in 40:24 NCR 2029 as follows:

21 NCAC 16G .0111 DENTAL HYGIENIST CERTIFICATION TO ADMINISTER NITROUS OXIDE

(a) In addition to aiding and assisting the dentist in monitoring of nitrous oxide-oxygen inhalant sedation, a dental hygienist may obtain a certification to administer nitrous oxide and initiate the flow of nitrous oxide under the control and supervision of a dentist. A dental hygienist shall not initiate or administer nitrous oxide to a patient without first obtaining a nitrous oxide administration certification.

(b) To obtain a nitrous oxide administration certification, the dental hygienist ~~must~~ shall be in good standing and, in addition to successfully completing the course set forth in 21 NCAC 16G .0110, ~~must~~ shall also successfully complete a Board-approved course that includes at least seven hours of didactic instruction and four hours of clinical instruction, and covers the following topics:

(1) pharmacology and physiology;

(2) patient selection and contraindications for administration of nitrous oxide;

(3) sequence of administration and titration of nitrous oxide;

(4) documentation of patient selection and the administration of nitrous oxide;

(5) emergency management; and

(6) legal and ethical considerations in the administration of nitrous oxide.

(c) The instructor of the Board-approved course set forth in Paragraph (b) of this Rule shall issue the nitrous oxide administration course completion certification to the dental hygienist that successfully completes such course. The hygienist shall maintain a certification of completion, a copy of which shall be provided to each dentist that supervises the hygienist's initiation and administration of nitrous oxide. Nothing in this Rule shall restrict the Board's authority pursuant to G.S. 90-229 to restrict a dental hygienist from initiating or administering nitrous oxide after certification is obtained.

(d) Courses approved to satisfy the educational requirements of Paragraph (b) of this Rule shall be provided by an institution accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation or otherwise approved by the Board, and the clinical portion of such courses shall not exceed a faculty-to-student ratio of 1:5. The courses shall be taught by:

(1) an instructor who is a dentist holding an unrestricted license as defined by 21 NCAC 16A .0101(7); or

(2) an instructor licensed pursuant to 21 NCAC 16B .0701.

(e) Courses shall be reviewed at any Board meeting and may be approved ~~by~~ if a majority of the Board ~~to satisfy~~ agrees that the course satisfies the educational and instructor requirements of this Rule. A list of approved courses is available on the Board's website at ~~www.ncdentalboard.org.~~ https://www.ncdentalboard.org/continuing_education.htm.

(f) Nothing in this rule shall limit the ability of a lawfully qualified nurse or certified nurse anesthetist to administer nitrous oxide under the supervision and direction of a dentist.

History Note: *Authority G.S. 90-29(c)(7); 90-29(c)(13); 90-223(b); 90-233;*
Eff. December 1, 2026.

21 NCAC 16H .0104 is amended as published in 40:24 NCR 2029-30 as follows:

21 NCAC 16H .0104 APPROVED EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAMS

(a) To be classified as a Dental Assistant II, an assistant shall have and maintain an unexpired CPR certification and shall complete:

(1) a dental assisting program accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation ("CODA"), a list of which is available at no cost at coda.ada.org/find-a-program/search-dental-programs and is incorporated by reference, including subsequent amendments and editions;

(2) one complete school year or longer in a CODA-accredited dental hygiene program;

(3) a dental assisting program offered through a branch of the ~~U.S. armed forces~~ United States Armed Forces at the Medical Education & Training Campus that includes a clinical rotation providing dental assisting for live patients;

(4) the Certified Dental Assistant certification examinations administered by the Dental Assisting National Board ("DANB") with a passing score as set by DANB; or

(5) the following:

(A) employment as a Dental Assistant I for two years of the preceding five, consisting of at least 3,000 hours total; and

(B) a 3-hour course in sterilization and infection control, and a 3-hour course in dental office emergencies. The courses shall be offered by Board-approved course sponsors as set out in 21 NCAC 16I .0202.

(b) A Dental Assistant I who has completed the requirements of Part (a)(5)(B) of this ~~Rule~~ Rule, but not completed the employment hours required pursuant to Part ~~(a)(5)(A)~~ (a)(5)(A) of this Rule, may be trained by a licensed dentist and allowed to perform the functions of a Dental Assistant II, as specified in Rule .0203 of this Subchapter, under the direct control and supervision of a licensed dentist.

(c) A Dental Assistant I who is acting pursuant to Paragraph (b) of this Rule is permitted to aid and assist a licensed dentist in the monitoring of nitrous oxide-oxygen inhalant sedation subject to the requirements set forth in 21 NCAC16H .0209, and is permitted to perform coronal polishing if the Dental Assistant I has met the requirements of 21 NCAC 16H .0203.

~~(c)~~(d) For purposes of this Rule, an unexpired CPR certification is one that is in effect and valid at the time of classification as a Dental Assistant ~~II~~ II, and remains so at all times while employed as a Dental Assistant II or while performing any of the permitted functions under Rule .0203 of this Subchapter.

~~(d)~~(e) A dental assistant shall not take radiographs before completing radiology training consistent with G.S. 90-29(c)(12).

History Note: *Authority G.S. 90-29(c)(9); 90-29(c)(13); 90-48;*
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21 NCAC 16H .0209 is adopted with changes as published in 40:24 NCR 2030 as follows:

21 NCAC 16H .0209 EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR DENTAL ASSISTANT MONITORING NITROUS OXIDE

A Dental Assistant may aid and assist a licensed dentist in the monitoring of nitrous oxide-oxygen inhalant sedation ~~by successfully completing~~ if the Dental Assistant successfully completes the same course for dental hygienists set forth in 21 NCAC 16G. 0110 and subject to the same requirements set forth in 21 NCAC 16G .0110 for dental hygienists. The requirements apply to Dental Assistants II and those Dental Assistants I who are acting pursuant to 21 NCAC 16H .0104(c). Dental Assistants are not eligible to obtain nitrous oxide administration certification and shall not initiate, administer, or increase the flow of nitrous oxide to any patient.

History Note: *Authority G.S. 90-29(c)(9); 90-29(c)(13);*
Eff. December 1, 2026.

21 NCAC 16Q .0404 is amended with changes as published in 41:2 NCR 221-22 as follows:

21 NCAC 16Q .0404 CREDENTIALS AND PERMITS FOR MODERATE PEDIATRIC CONSCIOUS SEDATION

(a) Before a dentist licensed to practice in North Carolina may administer moderate pediatric conscious sedation, the dentist shall obtain a general anesthesia or moderate pediatric conscious sedation permit from the Board by completing ~~the application requirements of this Rule~~ an application and paying a fee of three hundred seventy-five dollars ($375.00) that includes the one-hundred dollar ($100.00) application fee and the two-hundred seventy-five dollar ($275.00) inspection fee. All applications shall be submitted electronically through the Board's website, [~~www.ncdentalboard.org~~] https://www.ncdentalboard.org/anesthesia.htm and shall include the information required Rule .0102(b) and (c) of this Subchapter and the application requirements of this Rule. The permit shall be renewed annually and shall be displayed with the current renewal at all times in the permit holder's facility where it is visible to patients receiving treatment.

(b) A dentist applying for a permit to administer moderate pediatric conscious sedation shall hold an unexpired BLS certification and PALS ~~certification~~ certification, and meet at least one of the following criteria:

(1) completion of a postgraduate program that included ~~pediatric~~ ~~intravenous~~ moderate pediatric conscious sedation training;

(2) completion of a Commission On Dental Accreditation (CODA) approved pediatric residency that included ~~intravenous~~ moderate pediatric conscious sedation training; ~~or~~

(3) completion of a pediatric degree or pediatric residency at a CODA approved institution that includes training in ~~the use and placement of IVs or intraosseous vascular access.~~ moderate pediatric conscious sedation. A list of CODA approved institutions that is hereby incorporated by reference, including subsequent amendments and editions, appears at ~~www.ada.org/coda~~ https://coda.ada.org/find-a-program and is available at no ~~cost.~~ cost; or

(4) completion of 60 hours of Board approved didactic instruction in pediatric conscious sedation, and at least 30 hours of clinical training which includes completion of at least 20 individually-managed pediatric moderate sedation cases with sedative [~~agent(s)~~] agents administered by any [~~route.~~] route, under the supervision of the course instructor. Documentation of these cases shall be maintained and available for review, and no patient may be sedated more than once per day. The clinical training must also include 20 additional sedation experiences by individual or group participation, [~~with~~] on human [~~sedation/anesthesia~~] patients or a simulator, [~~simulation experiences~~] or a combination thereof. BLS and PALS training shall not count toward the required hours.

(c) A moderate pediatric conscious sedation permit holder shall not administer sedation by intravenous route unless the permit holder also holds an unexpired pediatric intravenous moderate conscious sedation certification issued by the Board. A moderate pediatric conscious sedation permit holder may administer emergency medication by intravenous route if in compliance with the applicable standard of care.

(d) A dentist applying for a moderate pediatric conscious sedation permit may also receive a separate certification of the permit that allows the dentist to administer pediatric moderate conscious sedation by intravenous route. There is no separate application fee for receiving the certification in addition to the permit. To qualify for the pediatric intravenous moderate conscious certification, the applicant shall hold an unexpired PALS certification and meet at least one of the following criteria:

(1) completion of a postgraduate program that included pediatric intravenous conscious sedation training;

(2) completion of a [~~Commission On Dental Accreditation (CODA) approved~~] CODA-approved pediatric residency that included intravenous conscious sedation training; or

(3) completion of 60 hours of Board approved didactic training in intravenous pediatric conscious sedation, and 30 hours of clinical training that shall include a record of the applicant's individual management of all aspects of intravenous moderate sedation for a minimum of 20 live patients under 18 years of age, under supervision of the course instructor. Training shall be meet the requirements of the American Dental Association Guidelines for Teaching Pain Control and Sedation to Dentists that is hereby incorporated by reference, including subsequent amendments and editions. The guidelines may be found at [~~www.ada.org.~~] www.ada.org/-/media/project/ada-organization/ada/ada-org/files/resources/library/oral-health-topics/ada_sedation_teaching_guidelines.pdf. BLS and PALS training shall not count toward the required hours.

[~~(d)~~] (e) The applicant [~~must~~] shall provide written certification by the director of any program listed in Paragraphs (b) or (c) of this Rule indicating the applicant's competence in moderate sedation techniques for pediatric patients and rescuing pediatric patients from a level of sedation deeper than intended, including advanced airway management and reversal medication use.

~~(c)~~ [~~(e)~~] (f) All applicants for moderate pediatric conscious sedation permits shall have completed the training required by ~~Paragraph~~ Paragraphs (b) or (c) of this Rule within the last two years from the date that the Board received the application. ~~or show evidence~~ If the applicant has completed the training required by Paragraphs (b) or (c) of this Rule more than two years from the date that the Board received the application, the applicant must demonstrate that they have practiced moderate pediatric conscious sedation ~~practice within the last two years~~ in another state or U.S. ~~Territory.~~ Territory within two years from the date that the Board received the application.

~~(d)~~ [~~(f)~~] (g) All applicants for moderate pediatric conscious sedation permits shall be in good standing with the ~~Board.~~ Board, as set forth in Rule .0101 of this Subchapter.

~~(e)~~ [~~(g)~~] (h) Prior to issuance of a moderate pediatric conscious sedation permit, the applicant shall pass an evaluation and a facility ~~inspection.~~ inspection in accordance with Rules .0104 and .0408 of this Subchapter. The applicant shall be responsible for passing the evaluation and inspection of his or her facility.

~~[(h) A moderate pediatric conscious sedation permit holder shall not administer sedation by intravenous route unless the permit holder also holds an unexpired pediatric intravenous moderate conscious sedation certification issued by~~

~~the Board. A moderate pediatric conscious sedation permit holder may administer emergency medication by intravenous route if in compliance with the applicable standard of care.]~~

~~(f)~~ (i) A moderate pediatric conscious sedation permit holder may provide moderate pediatric conscious sedation at the office of another licensed dentist, regardless of the permit, if any held, by the hosting dentist. The permit holder shall ensure that the facility where the moderate pediatric conscious sedation is administered has been inspected in accordance with Rules .0104 and .0408 of this Subchapter and complies with the requirements set out in Rules .0103 and .0405 of this Subchapter. The permit holder shall also obtain ~~an itinerant~~ a mobile moderate pediatric conscious sedation permit and comply with the requirements of Rule .0406 of this Section.

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21 NCAC 16Q .0405 is amended with changes as published in 41:2 NCR 222-23 as follows:

21 NCAC 16Q .0405 MODERATE PEDIATRIC CONSCIOUS SEDATION CLINICAL REQUIREMENTS AND EQUIPMENT

(a) A dentist holding or applying for a permit to administer moderate pediatric conscious sedation shall be subject to the requirements set out in Section .0100 of this Subchapter.

(b) In addition to the drugs listed in Rule .0103(c)(3) of this Subchapter, an unexpired muscle relaxant shall be immediately available and ~~be~~ accessible from the operatory and recovery rooms.

(c) In addition to the requirements set out in Rule .0103(c)(4) of this Subchapter, the permit holder's emergency manual shall include assignments to be performed in the event of emergency by ~~a BLS-certified~~ an auxiliary with an unexpired BLS certification who is dedicated to patient monitoring.

(d) In addition to the requirements set out in Rule .0103(e) of this Subchapter concerning pre-operative procedures, the permit holder shall ensure that patients who have been administered moderate pediatric conscious sedation are monitored for alertness, responsiveness, breathing, and skin coloration during waiting periods before operative procedures by the permit holder or an auxiliary dedicated to patient monitoring.

(e) As part of the pre-operative assessment required by Rule .0103(e) of this Subchapter, including the ASA Guidelines, available at https://www.asahq.org/standards-and-practice-parameters, the permit holder shall evaluate the patient for health risks as follows:

(1) a patient who is medically stable and who is ASA I or II shall be evaluated by reviewing the patient's current medical history and medication use; or

(2) a patient who is not medically stable or who is ASA III or higher shall be evaluated by the permit holder's consultation with the patient's primary care physician or consulting medical specialist regarding the potential risks posed by the planned dental procedure.

(f) If a patient immobilization device is used, the permit holder shall ensure that:

(1) the device is applied to avoid airway obstruction or chest restriction;

(2) the patient's head position and respiratory excursions are checked ~~frequently~~ throughout the sedation procedure to ensure airway patency;

(3) a hand or foot is kept exposed; and

(4) the patient is under observation by the permit holder or a BLS-certified auxiliary at all times.

(g) During the sedation procedure, a moderate pediatric conscious sedation permit holder shall not administer anesthetic or sedative agents:

(1) designed by the manufacturer for use in administering general anesthesia or deep sedation;

(2) determined by the manufacturer to be contraindicated for use in moderate pediatric conscious sedation; or

(3) in amounts exceeding the manufacturers' maximum recommended dosages, unless the permit holder documents in the sedation record the clinical reason for exceeding the maximum recommended dosage for the patient.

(h) In addition to the requirements set out in Rule .0103(h) of this Subchapter concerning the patient treatment record, the permit holder shall maintain documentation of pre-sedation instructions and information provided to the patient or person responsible for the patient, which shall include:

(1) objectives of the sedation;

(2) anticipated changes in patient behavior during and after sedation;

(3) instructions to the person responsible for a patient transported in a child safety seat regarding patient head position to avoid airway obstruction;

(4) a 24-hour telephone number for the permit holder or his or her BLS-certified auxiliaries; and

(5) instructions on limitations of activities and dietary precautions.

(i) For purposes of Rule .0104(b)(2) of this Subchapter, during an evaluation, a moderate pediatric conscious sedation permit holder or applicant shall demonstrate competency in administration of moderate pediatric conscious sedation ~~the deployment of an intravenous delivery system~~ as follows:

(1) a pediatric moderate conscious sedation permit holder or applicant ~~who uses intravenous sedation~~ shall demonstrate the administration of moderate pediatric conscious sedation on a live patient, ~~including~~ and describe the deployment of an intravenous delivery system; and

(2) a permit holder or applicant who ~~does not use intravenous~~ holds or seeks a pediatric intravenous moderate conscious sedation certification ~~shall describe the proper deployment of an intravenous delivery system and~~ shall demonstrate the administration of moderate pediatric conscious sedation on a live ~~patient.~~ patient by intravenous route.

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21 NCAC 16Q .0406 is amended with changes as published in 41:2 NCR 223-24 as follows:

21 NCAC 16Q .0406 ITINERANT (MOBILE) MODERATE PEDIATRIC CONSCIOUS SEDATION PERMITS

(a) A dentist who holds a moderate pediatric conscious sedation permit from the ~~Board~~ [~~Board~~] Board, and who wishes to provide moderate pediatric conscious sedation or other sedation services in the office of another ~~practitioner~~ practitioner, shall obtain a mobile moderate pediatric conscious sedation permit from the Board by completing the application requirements of this Rule and paying a one hundred dollar ($100.00) application fee and a two-hundred seventy-five dollar ($275.00) inspection fee. The mobile moderate pediatric conscious sedation permit holder must also hold an unexpired pediatric intravenous moderate conscious sedation certification to administer pediatric moderate conscious sedation by intravenous route. No mobile permit or intravenous certification shall be required to administer moderate pediatric conscious sedation in a hospital or credentialed surgery center.

(b) The permit holder shall maintain in good working order the equipment required by Rule .0103 of this Subchapter.

(c) The unexpired medications required by Rules ~~.0103~~ [~~103(c)(3)~~] .0103(c)(3) and ~~.0405~~ .0405(b) of this Subchapter shall be on site and available to the permit holder.

(d) Before a mobile moderate pediatric sedation permit may be issued, a permit holder appointed by the Board shall inspect the applicant's equipment and medications to ensure that they comply with Paragraphs (b) and (c) of this Rule. The evaluation and on-site inspection shall be conducted as set out in Rules .0104 and .0408 of this Subchapter.

(e) Prior to administering moderate pediatric conscious sedation or other sedation services at another provider's office, the mobile permit holder shall inspect the host facility within 24 business hours before each procedure and shall ensure that:

(1) the operatory's size and design permit emergency management and access of emergency equipment and personnel;

(2) there is a CPR board or dental chair without enhancements suitable for providing emergency treatment;

(3) there is adequate lighting to permit performance of all procedures planned for the facility;

(4) there is suction equipment, including non-electrical back-up suction; and

(5) the facility shall be staffed with at least two BLS certified auxiliaries, one of whom shall be dedicated to patient monitoring and recording moderate pediatric conscious sedation or other sedation services data throughout the sedation procedure. This Subparagraph shall not apply if the dentist permit holder is dedicated to patient care and monitoring regarding sedation throughout the sedation procedure and is not performing the surgery or other dental procedure.

(f) Upon inspection, the permit holder shall document that the facility where the sedation procedure will be performed was inspected and that it met the requirements of Paragraph (e) of this Rule. The permit holder shall retain the inspection and compliance record required by this Paragraph for 10 years following the procedure and provide these records to the Board upon request.

(g) The mobile moderate pediatric conscious sedation ~~permit~~ permit, and when applicable, intravenous certification, shall be displayed in the host facility where it is visible to patients receiving treatment.

(h) All applicants for a mobile moderate pediatric conscious sedation permit shall be in good standing with the ~~Board.~~ Board, as set forth in Rule .0101 of this Subchapter.

History Note: *Authority G.S. 90-28; 90-30.1; 90-48;*
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21 NCAC 16Q .0407 is amended with changes as published in 41:2 NCR 224 as follows:

21 NCAC 16Q .0407 ANNUAL RENEWAL OF MODERATE PEDIATRIC CONSCIOUS SEDATION PERMIT REQUIRED

(a) Moderate pediatric conscious sedation ~~permits and~~ permits, ~~itinerant~~ mobile moderate pediatric conscious sedation ~~permits~~ permits, and pediatric intravenous moderate conscious sedation certifications shall be renewed by the Board annually at the same time as dental licenses. The pediatric intravenous moderate conscious certification shall be renewed at the same time as the permit. For each permit to be renewed, the permit holder shall pay a one-hundred dollar ($100.00) fee and complete the renewal application requirements in this Rule. If the completed renewal application and renewal fee are not received before midnight on January 31 of each year, a fifty dollar ($50.00) late fee shall be charged. There is no separate fee for the renewal of the pediatric intravenous moderate conscious sedation certification. The renewal application shall be submitted electronically through the Board's website, ~~www.ncdentalboard.org,~~ https://www.ncdentalboard.org/license_renewal.htm and shall include the information required by Rule .0102(e) of this Subchapter and a report of compliance with the conditions for renewal in Paragraph (d) of this Rule.

(b) Any permit holder who fails to renew a moderate pediatric conscious sedation permit or ~~itinerant~~ mobile moderate pediatric conscious sedation permit before March 31 of each year shall complete a reinstatement application, pay the renewal fee and late fee set out in Paragraph (a) of this Rule, and comply with all conditions for renewal set out in Paragraphs (d) and (e) of this Rule. Dentists whose moderate pediatric conscious sedation permits or ~~itinerant~~ mobile moderate pediatric conscious sedation permits have been lapsed for more than 12 calendar months shall pass ~~an~~ a facility inspection and an evaluation as part of the reinstatement process in accordance with Rules .0104 and .0408 of this Subchapter. All applicants for reinstatement of a permit shall be in good ~~standing~~ standing as set forth in Rule .0101 of this Subchapter. All applications for reinstatement of a permit shall be submitted on forms furnished by the Board at ~~www.ncdentalboard.org~~ https://www.ncdentalboard.org/license_renewal.htm and shall include the information required by Rule .0102(f) of this Subchapter and a report of compliance with the conditions for renewal set out in Paragraph (d) of this Rule.

(c) A dentist who administers moderate pediatric conscious sedation in violation of this Rule, or administers pediatric moderate conscious sedation by intravenous route without a proper certification, shall be subject to the penalties prescribed by Rule .0701 of this Subchapter.

(d) As a condition for renewal of the moderate pediatric conscious sedation ~~permit and~~ permit, ~~itinerant~~ mobile moderate pediatric conscious sedation permit, and the pediatric intravenous moderate conscious sedation certification, the permit holder shall meet the clinical and equipment requirements of Rules .0103 and .0405 of this ~~Subchapter,~~ Subchapter. The ~~the~~ ~~itinerant~~ mobile moderate pediatric conscious sedation permit holder shall also meet the clinical and equipment requirements of Rule .0406 of this ~~Section, and~~ ~~the~~ Section.

(e) All moderate pediatric conscious sedation permit ~~holder~~ holders shall document the ~~following:~~ following as requirements for annual renewal:

(1) six hours of continuing education each year in one or more of the following areas, which shall be counted toward fulfillment of the continuing education required each calendar year for license renewal:

(A) sedation;

(B) medical emergencies;

(C) monitoring IV sedation and the use of monitoring equipment;

(D) pharmacology of drugs and agents used in IV sedation;

(E) physical evaluation, risk assessment, or behavioral management; or

(F) airway management;

(2) unexpired PALS certification, which shall not count towards the six hours of continuing education required in Subparagraph (d)(1) of this Rule;

(3) that the permit holder and all auxiliaries involved in sedation procedures have practiced responding to dental emergencies as a team at least once every six months in the preceding year;

(4) that the permit holder and all auxiliaries involved in sedation procedures have read the practice's emergency manual in the preceding year; and

(5) that all auxiliaries involved in sedation procedures have completed BLS certification and three hours of continuing education annually in any of the areas set forth in Subparagraph (d)(1) of this Rule.

~~(e)~~ (f) Absent a Board order stating otherwise, all permit holders applying for renewal of a moderate pediatric conscious sedation permit or ~~itinerant~~ mobile moderate pediatric conscious sedation permit shall be in good standing as set forth in Rule .0101 of this Subchapter and their ~~office~~ facility shall be subject to inspection by the Board.

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21 NCAC 16Q .0408 is amended with changes as published in 41:2 NCR 224-25 as follows:

21 NCAC 16Q .0408 PROCEDURE FOR MODERATE PEDIATRIC SEDATION EVALUATION OR FACILITY INSPECTION ~~AND RE-INSPECTION~~

(a) When an evaluation or ~~on-site~~ facility inspection is required, the Board shall designate one or more qualified persons to serve as evaluators, each of whom has administered moderate pediatric sedation for at least three years preceding the evaluation or inspection. Training in moderate pediatric sedation shall not count toward the three years. Evaluation for a pediatric intravenous moderate conscious sedation certification shall be conducted by one or more qualified persons to serve as evaluators, each of whom has administered pediatric intravenous moderate sedation for at least three years preceding the evaluation or inspection. Training in moderate pediatric sedation shall not count toward the three years.

(b) ~~An~~ A facility inspection fee of two-hundred seventy-five dollars ($275.00) shall be due 10 days after the dentist receives notice of the inspection of each additional location at which the dentist administers moderate pediatric sedation. There is no separate [~~inspection~~] evaluation fee for the pediatric intravenous moderate conscious sedation certification.

(c) Any dentist-member of the Board may observe or consult in any evaluation or facility inspection.

(d) The evaluation or facility inspection team shall determine compliance with the requirements of the rules in this Subchapter, as applicable, by assigning a grade of "pass" or "fail."

(e) ~~Each~~ The evaluator or inspector shall report his or her recommendation to the Board's Anesthesia and Sedation Committee, setting forth the details supporting his or her conclusion. The Committee shall not be bound by the recommendation. ~~these recommendations.~~ The Committee shall determine whether the applicant has passed the evaluation or inspection based on a determination of compliance with Rule .0104 of this Subchapter and shall notify the applicant in writing of its decision.

(f) An applicant who fails an inspection or evaluation shall not receive a permit to administer moderate pediatric sedation. If a permit holder's facility fails an inspection, no further moderate pediatric sedation procedures shall be performed at the facility until it passes a re-inspection by the Board.

(g) An applicant who fails ~~an~~ a facility inspection or evaluation may request a re-evaluation or re-inspection within 15 days of receiving the notice of failure. The request shall be directed to the Board in writing and include a statement of the grounds supporting the re-evaluation or re-inspection. Except as set forth in subsection (h) of this Rule, the Board shall require the applicant to receive additional training prior to the re-evaluation to address the areas of deficiency determined by the evaluation. The Board shall notify the applicant in writing of the need for additional training.

(h) A permit applicant who has failed the written examination portion of the evaluation but passed all other aspects of the evaluation ~~and inspection~~ may retake the written examination two additional times at the Board office. The applicant must wait a minimum of 72 hours before attempting to retake a written examination. Any applicant who has failed the written portion of the examination three times shall complete an additional Board approved course of study in the ~~area(s)~~ areas of deficiency and provide the Board evidence of the additional study before written reexamination.

(i) Re-evaluations and re-inspections shall be conducted by a Board-appointed ~~evaluators~~ evaluator or inspector not involved in the failed evaluation or inspection.

(j) An applicant must complete all the requirements of Rules .0103, .0104, and .0405 of this Subchapter, including passing the written examination, evaluation and inspection, within 12 months of submitting the application to the Board.

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