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SEDATION INSPECTORS WANTED!

The Minnesota Board of Dentistry wishes to contract with experienced health care professionals to conduct inspections on behalf of the Board that are required for those dentists that hold SEDATION or CONTRACTED SEDATION SERVICES certification.

PURPOSE: The Minnesota Board of Dentistry regulates dental professionals in order to assure public protection. The Board regards the use of sedation services related to the provision of dental care to require additional training, equipment, and staff preparation, and so has instituted a certification requirement for the use of sedation. The requirements, outlined in Board Rule [3100.3600](#), also mandate that those certified in providing sedation services undergo an inspection at least every 5 years.

Criteria to qualify for consideration as a Board-approved sedation inspector include:

- familiarity with patient charts, understanding medications listed on the sedation inspection form, being well versed in infection control for dental practices, and comprehension of emergency protocols
- ability to be objective when performing onsite inspections
- hold a current license from the Minnesota Board of Dentistry, Minnesota Board of Nursing as a Nurse Anesthetist, or Minnesota Board of Medical Practice as a Physician (or current employment as a Board of Dentistry staff member)
- history free of Board disciplinary action or relevant corrective action
- history free of gross misdemeanor or felony convictions
- familiarity with Board regulations, especially those regarding sedation practice

Selected inspectors must:

- be committed to public safety
- participate in an annual training and calibration
- agree to charge no more than the statutory limit of \$250 per inspection (plus travel-related expenses)
 - Board contracts do not allow an individual contractor to exceed \$5,000 in fees within a fiscal year (combined inspection fees and expenses)
- decline to conduct an inspection for those with whom there may be a conflict of interest
- be available to conduct inspections for general dental *and* specialty offices
- provide comprehensive inspection reports to the Board in a timely manner
- be available to meet with the Sedation Committee, as necessary
- be willing to enter into a standard State of Minnesota Professional and Technical Services contract which will outline performance and other requirements
- manage scheduling of inspections independently

Interested parties (individuals or groups) may apply to the Board on a rolling basis, and contracts will be entered into based on qualifications, current need, geographic diversity/availability, and ability to represent the Board appropriately. Applications should be submitted on the form provided by the Board.

Liability Protection: New regulations adopted (MS 150A.14, subd 2) provide immunity for contractors from civil liability and criminal prosecution for any actions, transactions, or publications in the execution of, or relating to, their duties under the Dental Practice Act.