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Dear Dental Therapist,

In order to pursue your *ADT certification*, you will be required to complete the following requirements:

1. Be licensed as a Dental Therapist
2. Submit proof of 2000 hours of practice of dental therapy
3. Graduate from a Master's Degree program in Advanced Dental Therapy
4. Pass a Board-approved exam demonstrating competency under the advanced scope of practice
5. Submit an application for certification as prescribed by the Board

The *Advanced Dental Therapy Certification Examination* consists of the following:

- Part I = Submit 3 -5 patient records for review.
- Part II = Successfully pass the Board's scenario exam.
- Part III = Complete an interview with our Licensing and Credentials Committee.

Please note the following regarding the exam requirements.

Part I:

Patient Records Review

ADT candidates need to submit three to five entire patient records. These records will be reviewed for comprehensiveness and compliance with current record-keeping regulations as well as evaluated for evidence/demonstration of critical thinking and decision making. The resulting assessment of the records will provide the basis for discussion during Part III Committee interview.

The names/identifiers of these patients need to be redacted for confidentiality purposes. The patient records **must** contain representative examples of the following treatment or services provided by you during your clinical practice as a Dental Therapist. These need to be services provided outside of your academic or educational experience.

Treatment to be assessed:

1. Posterior Amalgam – Class II-Adult/Posterior Composite-Class II-Adult
2. Anterior Composite – Class III-Adult
3. Pulpotomy access and completion – Deciduous molar
4. Stainless steel crown completion – Deciduous or Permanent molar
5. Extraction of a deciduous tooth

The complete written and radiographic records to be submitted shall include, but not be limited to: histories, diagnoses, charting, treatment plans, and progress notes. Radiographs should show evidence of current clinical condition. Radiographs shall be duplicated and be of diagnostic quality. You must submit your patient records at least 30 days prior to the anticipated exam date and interview.

Minn. Stat. §150A.081, subd. 2 requires that dentists shall delete any data in the medical record(s) which identify the patient before releasing the medical records(s) to the Board. If for any reason your employer will not release the records to you for submission to the Board, please contact our office.

Part II:

Patient Assessment – Treatment Plan Examination

This exam is intended to demonstrate to the Board your knowledge and application of the skills contained in the ADT scope. Listings of these competencies are available on the Board's website at www.dentalboard.state.mn.us. You will need to contact the Board office at (612) 548-2129 to schedule a date/time to sit for the exam. The content of this exam will focus on patient assessment, critical thinking, and formulation of treatment plans. Items will be presented digitally with a separate score sheet turned in at the completion of the exam. The exam will take approximately one hour to complete. It will contain 100 scorable points. A score of 75 is required to pass Part II of the examination.

Part III

Interview with Committee

When scheduling your patient assessment treatment plan exam (part II of the examination) with Board staff, you may also schedule an interview date and time. The interview (part III of the examination) will be conducted with the Licensing and Credentials Committee. The purpose of the interview will be to give the Committee the opportunity to pose further questions in the areas of competency not previously covered in Parts I and II. Secondly, the Committee will provide the results of your performance on both Parts I and Parts II.

You will be expected to obtain a passing grade in all areas of the exam. If granted ADT certification the Board will issue notification in writing. If the Committee deems that you have not met the minimal requirements to earn your ADT certification, the Committee will also notify you in writing of your options. These might include completing some additional requirements in order to earn certification, or if you have been denied advanced certification, how you may appeal the Committees decision to the full Board.