

## **Important Notice: Sedation Rules Change**

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New state regulations on the administration of conscious sedation and general anesthesia have been approved by the State of Illinois. The new rules are effective as of April 13, 2010 but the new training requirements will not be required to be completed until September 30, 2011. The most significant changes for Permit A and B holders are as follows:

- Assistants monitoring patients will be required to complete a certified training course on emergency procedures and monitoring equipment with an emphasis on airway management.
- All members of the anesthesia team, including the dentist, must maintain current certification in Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers (BLS).
- The permit holder must have proof of current Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) certification or Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) certification.
- Course requirements for receiving Permit A have been increased to 75 hours (previously 60 hours).
- Additional continuing education for permit holders has increased to 9 hours (previously 4 hours) per renewal cycle in sedation techniques, including medications and recognition and management of complications and emergencies, is required for renewal of Permit A and B. This is above the 48-hour requirement for dental licensure renewal.
- New anesthesia monitoring and safety equipment requirements have been added to ensure patient safety.
- Permit A and B holders will now have to report the total number of anesthesia cases performed per year and shall maintain a logbook indicating the sedation cases performed for a review by the Division.
- A new anesthesia review panel has been created to advise the Director on anesthesia-related issues. The review panel will consist of three Illinois dentists who hold an active Permit A and three Illinois dentists who hold an active Permit B.

These changes will be published in more detail in the June issue of the IDN. The complete rules will be added to the ISDS website as soon as they are available. For questions or more information contact [Dave Marsh](#) or [Pam Cuffle](#) in the ISDS Government Relations Department at 800/475-4737