The Anesthesia Committee has approved the "DOCS Course, Oral Sedation Dentistry as being sufficient to meet the criteria for a class 3A enteral conscious sedation permit.

Any dentist applying for new anesthesia permits, specifically class 2 and 3A permits, that would like to have a course approved by the Board as required to comply with the new dental anesthesia law, please send a written correspondence to the Board along with a copy of the detailed course information for the Board's review.

Any professional entity that is desirous of submitting courses for Board approval may also submit the same by sending a written correspondence to the Board along with a copy of the detailed course information for the Board's review. Course approval fee is $100.00.

Any such requests received will forthwith be presented to the Board for consideration and you will be notified of the results of the Board's decision when knowledgeable to the office. Any questions feel to contact The WV Board of Dental Examiners at 304-252-8266.

Other Approved Courses

**The American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry** - "**Contemporary Sedation of Children For The Dental Practice - Enteral & Parenteral Techniques**" - Approved for Class 3A permit

Dr. Daniel Becker - "**Medical Emergencies, Local Anesthesia and Moderate Sedation in Dental Practice**" -

  - Session 1, BLS and Modules 1 & 2 - Approved for Class 2 certificate
  - Session 1, Modules 1 & 2 and Session 2, Modules 3 & 4 must - Approved for Class 3A permit
  - Session 1, Modules 1 & 2, Session 2, Modules 3 & 4 and Session 3, Module 5 - Approved for Class 3B permit

American Dental Society of Anesthesiology - "**Practical, Effective Enteral Sedation in Dentistry - Anxiolysis & Moderate Sedation: Enteral Modalities**" - Approved for Class 3A permit

Jason H. Goodchild, DMD - "**Introduction to Oral Sedation - Focus on Minimal Sedation**" - Approved for Class 2 certificate
*The WV Board of Dental Examiners does not promote the DOCS Course or any other course submitted for approval, but only notes that these courses have been reviewed by the Board and the same complies with the dental anesthesia law.

**QUALIFIED MONITOR**

**CLASS 3A, 3B & 4 PERMIT**

In regards to the "Qualified Monitor" necessary for the 3A, 3B and 4 Permits, please be advised that the nitrous oxide certification issued by the Board to dental hygienists and dental assistants are necessary to monitor nitrous oxide by the Board’s rules concerning expanded duties. However, the nitrous certificate does not fulfill the requirements of a "Qualified Monitor" as set forth in the new anesthesia law.

While the permit holder is a "Qualified Monitor" any trained personnel, other than the permit holder, must have a certificate showing successful completion in the last two years of BLS/CPR training and completion of the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon Office Anesthesia Assistant training or an equivalent.

**The Anesthesia Committee has deemed the *DOCS training as equivalent to the AAOMS Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery Anesthesia Assistant certification, now known as DAANCE. Therefore if a dental hygienist or dental assistant completes the *DOCS course and is certified to the Board by *DOCS, they will be considered a qualified monitor.

**Information concerning the AAOMS DAANCE can be obtained by calling the AAOMS at 1-800-822-6637 or by going to the following web link http://www.aaoms.org/daance.php It is our understanding that the AAOMS will allow assistants in the State of West Virginia to take the DAANCE who are employed by a dental professional who is applying for an anesthesia permit.

**The American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry's Dental Assistant's Course: Sedative and Medical Emergencies in the Pediatric Dental Office has been approved to fulfill the requirements of a qualified monitor who will be monitoring up to a class 3A permit level.
**Certification in Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) or Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) are also approved courses to qualify as an anesthesia qualified monitor. Certification must be kept current!!!

**The Anesthesia Assistant's Course of the American Dental Society of Anesthesiology (ADSA) as given by them or a component society of the ADSA. Certification must be kept current!!! This course like ACLS or PALS expired every two years.

Other qualified healthcare professionals, such as but not limited to, Registered Nurses and Licensed Practical Nurses are considered Qualified Monitors. Submission of a copy of their current license and/or proof of recent training will be accepted for verification.

Other Qualified Monitors would be a dental anesthetist or another dentist, licensed by the State of West Virginia, who possesses an anesthesia certificate of a Class 2 or above.