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Subject Matter: Extending the effective date for when a licensed dentist must have a pediatric sedation endorsement to administer moderate sedation with etenal agents or moderate sedation with parenteral agents to pediatric patients from February 28, 2025 to June 30, 2025.

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References:	WAC 246-817-701 through WAC 246-817-790, including WAC 246-817-765
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The Dental Quality Assurance Commission (commission) is extending the effective date for when a licensed dentist must have a pediatric sedation endorsement to administer moderate sedation with enteral agents or moderate sedation with parenteral agents to pediatric patients to June 30, 2025. The pediatric sedation endorsement requirements can be found in WAC 246-817-765.

The commission adopted amendments to the administration of anesthetic agents for dental procedures rules, WAC 246-817-701 through WAC 246-817-790, effective January 11, 2024. The pediatric sedation endorsement as required in WAC 246-817-765 had a delayed effective date of January 1, 2025.

WAC 246-817-765 indicates that effective January 1, 2025, a pediatric sedation endorsement is required to administer moderate sedation with enteral agents or moderate sedation with parenteral agents to pediatric patients. "Pediatric," as defined in WAC 246-817-710, means a child 12 years of age or younger.

Due to the timing of the pediatric sedation endorsement application availability and because no online version is available, the commission originally extended the effective date to February 28, 2025. After further review, the commission is extending the effective date for a pediatric sedation endorsement as required to administer moderate sedation with enteral agents or

moderate sedation with parenteral agents to pediatric patients from February 28, 2025 to June 30, 2025. Beginning June 30, 2025, the commission will enforce the requirement for a pediatric sedation endorsement to administer moderate sedation with enteral agents or moderate sedation with parenteral agents, to pediatric patients.