



PLEASE SUPPORT:

HB 09-1128 Academic License Dentists (Priola/Hodge)

Summary

The University of Colorado School of Dental Medicine is requesting a modification to the Dental Practice Law by adding a provision for a dental teaching license and issuance of a license number from the Board of Dentistry. Currently, individuals that have received a faculty appointment at the School of Dental Medicine are exempt from having an active dental license and function under 12-35-115 (e).

This new provision would require that the Dean of the accredited dental school affirm that the individual has achieved the same level of didactic and clinical competency as expected of a graduate of the school receiving a DDS or DMD degree. The individual will need to meet and have been approved under the credentialing standards of the School of Dental Medicine and University of Colorado for a faculty appointment. This restricted dental license would only be valid while they have an active appointment at the School of Dental Medicine and may practice only in connection with programs affiliated with and endorsed by the school.

Background and Rationale:

- Often we have applicants who received their dental education outside of the United States, but received specialty training and board certification in the United States. There are others who may not have held a license from another state long enough to qualify for reciprocity. We have current faculty in this situation and are attempting to recruit additional faculty.
- The current structure prohibits faculty members from receiving privileges from the School of Dental Medicine's affiliates because they do not have a dental license number. [The Children's Hospital Denver and University of Colorado Hospital]
- The current structure limits the School of Dental Medicine in the recruitment of qualified general dental or specialty faculty by not allowing them to fully participate in the teaching program, providing patient care and prescribing of medications.
- The provision for a restricted teaching license does not allow for the faculty member to practice outside of the School of Dental Medicine programs or affiliates.
- These individuals would be required to successfully complete the jurisprudence examination and they would pay the same fees as those receiving an active dental license.
- The anticipated number of dentists licensed under this modification would be approximately 5-10 at any one time.
- This provision has the verbal support of the Colorado Dental Association, State Board of Dental Examiners, The Children's Hospital Denver and the University of Colorado Hospital.

Quick CU Fact:

The School of Dental
Medicine enrolls 52
students annually.

Potential Questions Regarding HB 09-1128

1. Q: Are your affiliates and other parties of interest supportive of this bill

A: Yes. We have support of The Children's Hospital, University Hospital, Colorado Dental Association and the State Board of Dental Examiners

2. Q: What impact will this bill have on the practicing dental community

A: None. The license is restricted to the educational clinics affiliated with the School of Dental Medicine and these individuals can not practice outside of those locations.

3. Q: Is there any fiscal impact with this bill.

A: None to very minimal. The State Board will need to establish procedure/protocol for these new licenses. The licensee would pay the bi-annual fee as required by the State Board.

4: Q: How many dentists would be licensed under this bill

A: Likely no more than 3-5 in any time period. If a dentist who has this type of license resigns or is terminated, they will no longer hold a teaching license and are subject to the same criteria set forth for licensure in the Dental Practice Law.

5: Q: How many states have a provision such as this.

A; While we do not know the exact number, we do know that we have referenced five states who do have this provision. All of these states have dental schools.

6: Q: Can a volunteer dentist get a faculty teaching license

A: No. A dentist has to be employed by the University of Colorado

7: Q: Do you anticipate any opposition to this bill.

A: No

8: Q: Does this bill provide the same for hygienists

A: No. Only dentists

9: Q: How many present faculty could be licensed under this bill

A: 4

10: Q: How many open faculty positions do you presently have open

A: 2. However, it does not mean that they will be filled with an individual who would need a faculty license. They may be eligible for the traditional dental license. Also, the number of open positions vary from year to year depending upon need and retirement of current faculty

11: Q: What is your accreditation status?

A: Full accreditation with the last site visit in September 2008.

12: Q: How many students do you have in your program

A: Class size of 52/class in DDS (4 year program)

24/class in International Student Program (2 years)

16/class in Orthodontic Residency Program (27 month)

3/class Periodontics Program (3 years)

7/class General Practice Residency (1 year)

13. Q: How many faculty do you have?

A: Full time tenured and clinical track – 65

Part time clinical track – 26

Volunteer faculty - 157

14: Q: When was your first graduating class?

A: 1977

15: Q: How many patient visits does the dental school provide

A: 48,000/year in all programs