

WAC 246-817-775 On-site inspections. (1) A licensed dentist shall conduct a self-assessment of their office preparedness for emergencies, proper emergency equipment, and emergency drugs annually. The annual self-assessment attestation must be maintained for five years.

(2) A licensed dentist who holds a valid moderate sedation with parenteral agents or general anesthesia permit shall conduct a self-inspection using the appropriate DQAC's on-site inspection form annually. The annual self-inspection form shall be maintained for five years.

(3) A licensed dentist who holds a moderate sedation with parenteral agents or general anesthesia permit must:

(a) Obtain an on-site inspection every five years at the location where moderate sedation with parenteral agents or general anesthesia is provided by an approved organization or by a self-arranged inspection using the DQAC approved on-site inspection form.

(i) The self-arranged on-site inspection must be completed by at least two providers with the same or higher level permit as the licensed dentist being evaluated.

(ii) Volunteer evaluators may be a certified registered nurse anesthetist, licensed physician anesthesiologist, or a licensed dentist who holds an appropriate moderate sedation with parenteral agents or general anesthesia permit for at least five years.

(b) Choose one office to have inspected, if the permit holder provides sedation or anesthesia in more than one office. The permit holder must provide an attestation that all the same standards from the inspection are met in all offices where sedation or anesthesia is provided.

(4) On-site inspections by approved organizations include:

(a) The Washington state society of oral and maxillofacial surgeons;

(b) Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care;

(c) Department of health ambulatory surgical facility license survey as required in chapter 246-330 WAC;

(d) Joint commission;

(e) American Association for Accreditation of Ambulatory Surgery Facilities;

(f) The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services; or

(g) Substantially equivalent organizations approved by the DQAC.

(5) On-site inspections for general anesthesia permit holders must begin by the end of the first full permit renewal period after June 30, 2023, or five years after initial permit issuance, whichever is later.

(6) On-site inspection for moderate sedation with parenteral agents permit holders must begin by the end of the first full permit renewal period after June 30, 2024, or five years after initial permit issuance, whichever is later.

(7) A licensed dentist who holds a moderate sedation with parenteral agents or general anesthesia permit shall maintain completed and signed on-site inspection forms for at least five years.

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