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TSBDE CASE FILE NO. 2023-00465
IN THE MATTER OF LICENSE NO. 15301 ISSUED TO DEBORAH ERICSON, DDS

NON-DISCIPLINARY REMEDIAL PLAN

On February 16, 2024, this Remedial Plan was issued by the Texas State Board of Dental Examiners (Board) to resolve the above-referenced matter. This Remedial Plan is issued under the authority of Tex. Occ. Code § 263.0077 and based on the allegation that violations of the laws or rules regulating the practice of dentistry have occurred.

Deborah Ericson, DDS, holder of Texas Dental License No. 15301 (Respondent), appeared at an informal settlement conference on November 16, 2023, at 1601 Congress Ave, Austin, Texas. Respondent was represented by Laura Diamond. Board Members Lois Palermo, RDH, Yvonne Maldonado, DDS, & Ricky Garcia, represented the Board at the settlement conference and recommend this Remedial Plan to resolve this matter.

Allegations

Based on an investigation Board staff alleges that Deborah Ericson, DDS, (Respondent) failed to meet the minimum standard of care in treatment of a patient. Specifically, from March 29, 2022, through August 26, 2022, Respondent failed to perform endodontic sensibility diagnostic testing; make pulpal and periapical diagnoses for tooth number 18; confirm radiographically working lengths measurements during endodontic instrumentation and obturation of tooth number 18; and properly evaluate the final endodontic obturation prior to crown cementation. Respondent also failed to maintain adequate treatment records. Respondent failed to include pre-operative vital signs; radiographs and findings, including confirmation of working lengths during root canal; pulpal and periapical diagnoses; or an explanation why these items were not included. These allegations violate 22 Tex. Admin. Code §§ 108.7(1), (2), 108.8(b)(4), (5), (c)(2)(A), (B), (3), (12).

Requirements

1. Within ninety (90) days of the date of issuance of this Remedial Plan by the Board, Respondent SHALL provide proof to the Compliance Division of the Board sufficient to show the successful completion of nine (9) hours of pre-approved continuing education courses, six (6) hours of which shall be in the area of Endodontics and three (3) hours of which shall be in the area of Risk Management and Record Keeping. Courses that are not pre-approved are presumed insufficient.
2. Within sixty (60) days of the date of issuance of this Remedial Plan by the Board, Respondent SHALL pay restitution directly to the patient in the amount of \$781.00 for root canal treatment of tooth number 18 and provide proof to the Compliance Division of the Board.
3. Within sixty (60) days of the date of issuance of this Remedial Plan by the Board, Respondent SHALL remit a five hundred dollar (\$500.00) check or money order to the Board to recover the costs of administering this Remedial Plan.
4. Within sixty (60) days of the date of the issuance of this Remedial Plan by the Board, Respondent SHALL take and pass the Jurisprudence Assessment-Dentists with Level 1-Minimal Sedation permits.
5. Failure to comply with the requirements of this Remedial Plan may result in disciplinary action against Respondent's license.

Acknowledgement

I, Deborah Ericson, DDS, have read and understand the foregoing Remedial Plan, and I agree to its requirements. I neither admit nor deny the allegations made in this Remedial Plan. I voluntarily waive my right to a formal adjudicatory hearing to contest this matter, and I acknowledge that this Remedial Plan is final and non-appealable.

THIS REMEDIAL PLAN IS NON-DISCIPLINARY.
THIS REMEDIAL PLAN IS PUBLIC INFORMATION.
THIS REMEDIAL PLAN IS A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT UNDER RULE 408 OF THE TEXAS RULES OF EVIDENCE.



Deborah Ericson, DDS, Respondent

Date

December 29, 2023

STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS
SIGNED this 16th day of February 2024.


David H. Yu, DDS, Presiding Officer


Robert McNeill, DDS, MD, Board Secretary