
Decision Two

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ALLEGATIONS OF PROFESSIONAL MISCONDUCT

- Submitted accounts or charges for dental services that the member knew or ought to have known were false or misleading (para. 33).
- Charged laboratory fees for dental appliances or devices that were more than the commercial laboratory costs actually incurred by the member (para. 35).
- Recommended and/or provided unnecessary dental services (para. 6).
- Failed to keep records as required by the Regulations (para. 25).

BRIEF SYNOPSIS OF FACTS

- The member submitted insurance claims for a number of patients for appliances that were not fabricated, claimed laboratory fees that exceeded the actual laboratory fees, and charged inappropriately for pulpctomies and subsequent root canals. In addition, multiple insurers received submissions from the member for the provision of a single service.
- Unnecessary treatment provided by the member included fabricating dental appliances that were not medically indicated; restoring proximal surfaces of teeth when no caries, or when only incipient enamel lesions, were visible on radiographs; and providing unnecessary subgingival periodontal irrigation in conjunction with scaling.
- The member's clinical records were inadequate.

DECISION

1. Finding

- The member pleaded guilty and was found guilty of professional misconduct with respect to the four allegations stated.

2. Penalty

- Reprimand.
- Certificate of Registration suspended for two consecutive months. (The dates of suspension are not known at time of publication.)
- Course in ethics.
- Course in restorative dentistry.
- Course in periodontics.
- Course in recordkeeping.
- Practice to be monitored for 24 months following completion of courses.

3. Costs/Publication

- Member to pay costs to the College in the amount of \$5,000.
- Member to pay monitoring costs of \$600 per visit.
- Pursuant to the legislation, publication of this matter includes the member's name and address.

4. Panel's Reasoning

- Member is solely responsible for the financial and administrative management of her practice, even if the duties are delegated to staff.
- Member's first appearance before the Discipline Committee.
- Member was co-operative during the investigation and hearing process.
- Panel believes that penalty protects the public and rehabilitates the member.
- Penalty was a joint submission reached as a result of a pre-hearing conference.