

DECISION 2

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ALLEGATION OF PROFESSIONAL MISCONDUCT

- Failed to keep records as required by the regulations (para. 25).

BRIEF SYNOPSIS OF FACTS

- This case arose as the result of a formal complaint filed with the College by an insurance company about the member, an orthodontist.
- Specifically, the member failed to adequately document his assessments, diagnosis, treatments and evaluations of treatment for periodontal conditions and failed to record chart entries for services provided to specifically-named patients on certain dates.

DECISION

1. Finding

- The member pleaded guilty and was found guilty with respect to the above allegation.

2. Penalty

- Reprimand
- Course in recordkeeping
- Practice to be monitored for 24 months following completion of course

3. Costs/Publication

- Member to pay monitoring costs.
- Pursuant to the legislation, publication of this matter includes the member's name and address.

4. Panel's Reasoning

- Penalty was a joint submission reached following two pre-hearing conferences.
- Penalty appeared proportionate to the particular admission of professional misconduct and fell within the appropriate range of sanctions.
- Penalty protects the public interest by requiring that the payment of fees by an insurance company required no less diligence in recordkeeping of assessments, diagnosis and treatment than in cases paid for directly by the patient or his/her family.
- Penalty satisfied the rationales of both specific and general deterrence.
- Panel considered its interpretation of both mitigating and aggravating factors of the case in its consideration of penalty.
- The course in recordkeeping and practice monitoring has the potential to bring about a profound change in attitude and practice, following which the panel would expect the member to be able to accurately and fully document all diagnostic and treatment procedures.