WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §30-4A-1

§30-4A-1. Requirement for anesthesia permit; qualifications and requirements for qualified monitors.

(a) No dentist may induce central nervous system anesthesia without first having obtained an anesthesia permit for the level of anesthesia being induced.

(b) The applicant for an anesthesia permit shall pay the appropriate permit fees and renewal fees, submit a completed board-approved application and consent to an office evaluation.

(c) Permits shall be renewed annually by June 30.

(d) Permit holders shall report the names and qualifications of each qualified monitor providing services to that permit holder. A qualified monitor may not perform the functions and responsibilities specified in this article for any level of anesthesia, other than relative analgesia/minimal sedation, without certification by the board. Qualified monitors shall apply for certification and pay the appropriate application fees and renewal fees. Qualified monitors are required to renew annually by the June 30. To be certified as a qualified monitor, the applicant must meet the following minimum qualifications:

(1) Possess a current health care provider BLS/CPR certification;

(2) For monitoring, conscious sedation/moderate sedation or general anesthesia/deep conscious sedation procedures, successful completion of an AAOMS or AAPD anesthesia assistants certification program; and

(3) For monitoring a nitrous oxide unit, successful completion of a board-approved course in nitrous oxide monitoring.

(e) A dentist shall hold a class permit equivalent to or exceeding the anesthesia level being provided unless the provider of anesthesia is a physician anesthesiologist or another licensed dentist who holds a current anesthesia permit issued by the board.

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