BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF:

WILLIAM V. LINGER, D.D.S.
(License No. 6917; Permit No. 0814)

CONSENT ORDER
SUMMARILY Restricting
MOMERATE SEDATION PERMIT

Pursuant to G.S. 150B-3(c), the North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners ["Board"] Hearing Panel finds that the public health, safety, and welfare requires emergency action and hereby summarily restricts the moderate sedation permit issued to William V. Linger, D.D.S. ["Respondent"], with his agreement and effective upon entry of this Consent Order. This action is being taken based on evidence and information obtained to date during the Board’s investigation of matters, including a review and evaluation of Respondent’s treatment and sedation records for multiple patients.

The Board’s Investigative Panel has concluded a preliminary review and investigation and has reached an agreement with Respondent to summarily restrict his moderate conscious sedation permit during these proceedings. Pursuant to this agreement and Consent Order, Respondent shall not administer any level of sedation to patients. This Order does not prohibit Respondent from administering local anesthetic or nitrous oxide to patients, if clinically appropriate to do so.

Respondent may utilize an independent provider who is authorized to administer general anesthesia without supervision, such as an anesthesiologist or an itinerant permit holder. Alternatively, Respondent may utilize and supervise the services of an independent Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA) to administer a level of sedation not to exceed moderate conscious sedation. Respondent shall not permit a
CRNA to administer Propofol nor any drugs designed by the manufacturer for use in administering general anesthesia or deep sedation or drugs contraindicated for use in moderate conscious sedation, such as ketamine. Respondent remains responsible for supervising any CRNA utilized, including compliance with this Consent Order.

Respondent shall seek and obtain consent from the Board’s Investigative Panel prior to utilizing any independent anesthesia provider or supervising a CRNA while this Order remains in effect. Respondent shall keep records demonstrating his use of an independent anesthesia provider or CRNA for each patient to whom sedation is administered and provide such records to the Board upon request.

The Board’s summary restriction is not a Final Agency Decision concerning whether Respondent committed any violations of the Dental Practice Act or the Board’s regulations or concerning Respondent’s moderate sedation permit or his dental license. The summary restriction shall remain in effect while the investigation is pending and until further Order of the Board or a Final Agency Decision is entered.

This the 23rd day of February 2021.

THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS

Casie S. Goode
Director of Investigations
STATEMENT OF CONSENT

I, William V. Linger, D.D.S., do hereby certify that I have read the foregoing Consent Order Summarily Restricting Moderate Sedation Permit and agree to it. By assenting to this Consent Order, I am not admitting to any potential violations of the Dental Practice Act or the Board’s regulations. I understand that:

➢ The Board staff may make unannounced visits to my dental office for the purpose of ensuring full compliance with this Consent Order and may request documentation to determine compliance;

➢ The Board will report the contents of this Consent Order to the National Practitioner Data Bank and that it will become part of the Board’s public record;

➢ The investigation is still ongoing, no decision has been made about whether to issue a notice of contested case hearing and, as a result, I agree that no proceeding will be promptly commenced and determined pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. 150B-3(c); and

➢ I waive any ability or potential right to challenge, seek judicial review, or appeal the entry and enforcement of this Consent Order.

I freely and voluntarily enter this Consent Order, acknowledge that I have not been forced or coerced to sign this Consent Order, and have been given the opportunity to consult with counsel before signing it.

This the 20 day of February 2021.

William V. Linger, D.D.S.