

## SUBCHAPTER 16S - CARING DENTAL PROFESSIONALS PROGRAM

### SECTION .0100 - GENERAL

#### 21 NCAC 16S .0101 DEFINITIONS

The following definitions are applicable to impaired dentist programs established in accordance with G.S. 90-48.2:

- (1) "Board" -- the North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners;
- (2) "Impairment" -- chemical dependency or mental illness;
- (3) "Board of Directors" -- individuals comprising the oversight panel consisting of representatives from the North Carolina Dental Society, the Board, licensed dental hygienists, and the UNC School of Dentistry established to function as a supervisory body to the North Carolina Caring Dental Professionals;
- (4) "Director" -- the person designated by the Board of Directors to organize and coordinate the activities of the North Carolina Caring Dental Professionals;
- (5) "North Carolina Caring Dental Professionals" -- the program established through agreements between the Board and special impaired dentist peer review organizations formed by the North Carolina Dental Society made up of Dental Society members designated by the Society, the Board, a licensed dental hygienist upon recommendation of the dental hygienist member of the Board, and the UNC School of Dentistry to conduct peer review activities as provided in G.S. 90-48.2(a).
- (6) "North Carolina Caring Dental Professionals members" -- the two hygienists appointed by the Dental Board and volunteer Dental Society members selected by the Board of Directors from peer review organizations to serve as parties to interventions, to direct impaired dentists into treatment, and as monitors of those individuals receiving treatment. Peer liaisons and volunteers participating in programs for impaired dental hygienists shall be dental hygienists.

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