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Retired Dentist Program Requirements for Participation

This program is a joint effort of the Minnesota Dental Foundation and the Minnesota Dental Association and was initially funded as a pilot program by the Delta Dental of Minnesota Foundation. It is a way for dentists who are no longer receiving an income from dental activities to “give back” to the profession and their community by providing free dental care to persons who have difficulty accessing dental care.

Participants accepted into the program need to:

- Be a licensed dentist in Minnesota and meet the Board of Dentistry requirements for continuing education and CPR certification.
- Complete an application for review and approval by the Minnesota Dental Foundation or its assigns.
- No longer be earning income from the performance of dental services as a member of the faculty of a dental school, as a dental administrator or consultant, or as a practitioner of any activity for which a license to practice dentistry is required.
- Maintain professional liability insurance individually or through the facility where you are providing free dentistry or purchase it through the State of Minnesota.
- Provide volunteer dental services in Minnesota for at least 100 hours per year or approximately one day per month while enrolled in the program. These services can include direct patient care in private dental offices through programs such as Donated Dental Services (DDS), community and volunteer clinics or volunteer activities such as Give Kids a Smile (GKAS) or Minnesota Mission of Mercy (MnMOM). A partial listing of volunteer opportunities is available at mndentalfoundation.org. Direct patient care services are to be provided free to patients who have difficulty obtaining care through traditional methods (i.e. patients on publicly funded programs, uninsured individuals, low-income individuals, etc).
- Submit verification of hours of service and the dollar value of services provided by the volunteer utilizing UCR fees for that clinic/office from the clinic/office manager or event director annually.

Once your application is approved, you can submit receipts to the Minnesota Dental Foundation at the address below for the two-year cycle of your participation. You must be accepted as a participant in this Retired Dentist Program at the time you incur any of these expenses in order to be reimbursed for them. You can be reimbursed for your dental and controlled substances license renewal, basic life support renewal, professional liability insurance and CE courses during the two-year cycle. Two-year cycles are renewable as long as this program has adequate funding.

The State of Minnesota has a Continuing Education and Professional Development Waiver of CE credits for retired dentists so that the requirement is reduced from 50 per two-year cycle to 15. Please contact Joyce Nelson (joyce.nelson@state.mn.us) at the State Board of Dentistry. There also is a Voluntary Health Care Provider Program that provides free professional liability insurance for non-profit clinics. Please contact the Administrative Services Unit at 651-201-2732 or www.asu.state.mn.us.

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