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Dear Nevada State Board of Dental Examiners,

During the Nevada State Board of Dental Examiner's (NSBDE) meeting on July 19, 2019, the minutes reflect a motion (line 72) to approve the request for an Advisory Opinion that Silver Diamine Fluoride (SDF) is included in the regulations under NAC 631.210 and to recommend how temporary restorations be done. As a result, the Advisory Opinion 07192019-1 was issued.

Additionally, the minutes stated (line 75) that the "Executive Director asked that once the advisory opinion is written and issued, that it be sent to all other PHE approved programs and said programs can then request to amend their approved programs to include the board recommended changes as discussed." The Advisory Committee for Oral Health (AC4OH) would like to inquire if this Advisory Opinion has been sent to all PHE approved programs and what process were these programs instructed to follow to amend their program protocol? If the NSBDE approved PHE programs have not been notified the AC4OH requests immediate action to allow these PHE programs to amend their protocols to include SDF.

As you are aware, the ability to provide these types of procedures greatly improves the care that Public Health Endorsed Dental Hygienists can deliver, especially in underserved communities. In an effort to carry out our mission – to promote the health and well-being of Nevadans through the delivery or facilitation of essential services to ensure families are strengthened, public health is protected, and individuals achieve their highest level of self-sufficiency. The AC4OH wants to ensure that we are aligned with the process that NSBDE has set forth so that the AC4OH and the Division of Public and Behavioral Health Nevada Department of Health and Human Services Oral Health Program understands how best to support the PHE programs in our state.

We thank you for your support in helping ensure that all Nevadans have equitable access to dental healthcare!

Sincerely,

Advisory Committee on the State Program for Oral Health