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Inland Empire Periodontal Study Club  
C/O Dr. Geoffrey Thompson  
1322 W. Kathleen Avenue Suite 1  
Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814

Re: Licensure Inquiry

Dear Dr. Thompson:

This letter is in response to your question posed to the Board of Dentistry on January 26, 2015 regarding the legalities of out-of-state dentists bringing patients to the Inland Empire Periodontal Study Club sessions held in Coeur d'Alene, ID. The Board of Dentistry considered this question along with a summary of typical study club activities. Those activities were described as follows: study club sessions typically are surgical in nature and study club members bring patients and conduct procedures in a group setting. The participating doctors are conducting the surgery, assisting with the surgery, or observing surgeries/procedures. At times, more than one surgery/procedure may be scheduled during the sessions thereby providing ample opportunities for learning/observing. The participating doctors are all licensed dentists although some of the doctors may not be licensed in Idaho but rather they would hold a license issued by the state of Washington or another state.

In considering this question, the Board focused on the provisions of Idaho Code §54-930, Exceptions to Application of Act. Considering the above description of the Inland Empire Periodontal Study Club's activities, the members of the Board of Dentistry concluded the provisions in Idaho Code §54-930 would not require participating out-of-state licensed dentists to obtain a license in Idaho for the above described study club activities.

If you have additional questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Susan Miller".

Susan Miller  
Executive Director