

# New York State Dental Association

## Council on Peer Review & Quality Assurance

### **WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THIS COUNCIL?**

The goal of the Council on Peer Review & Quality Assurance is to provide an impartial, confidential way to resolve complaints about the appropriateness of care and quality of treatment performed by NYSDA member dentists.

### **“JOB DESCRIPTION”: WHAT IS EXPECTED OF ME?**

General Responsibilities of a Council on Peer Review & Quality Assurance member:

- To develop a Peer Review Manual for the use of component society peer review committees and component staff.
- To develop an educational and training program for the members of component society peer review committees and component staff.
- To provide technical assistance to component society peer review committees.
- To promote peer review to Association members and the public.
- To coordinate the activities of component society peer review committees.
- To oversee the maintenance of statistical information regarding peer review activity of the New York State Dental Association.
- To consider appeals of decisions of component society peer review committees in accordance with criteria set forth in the Peer Review Manual.
- To develop recommendations to the House of Delegates for policies relating to peer review as the Association’s quality assurance mechanism.

### **WHAT WILL I GAIN BY DEDICATING MY TIME AND TALENTS (What’s in it for me?)**

You will be involved in developing and implementing Peer Review policies and procedures. You will participate in Council clinical decision making and case review. This Council calls for intense scrutiny of the clinical aspects of dental care and correct application of the current, accepted standards of dental care.

### **SERIOUSLY, I’M REALLY BUSY! HOW MUCH TIME WILL THIS TAKE?**

The amount of time spent each month will vary. It depends on how many hearing are held at the local dental society. There are two in-person meetings a year. Staff will notify you and provide you with agenda materials in advance of the meetings. You will be reimbursed for overnight accommodations (if necessary), travel and meal expenses when attending a meeting in Albany.

### **WHAT ARE THE TERMS OF THIS COMMITTEE/COUNCIL?**

The New Dentist member’s term is 2-years, up to a maximum of two consecutive terms (provided the person remains qualified as a new dentist throughout the term), based on recommendation from the New Dentist Committee and nomination by the NYSDA Board of Trustees, with election by the NYSDA House of Delegates.