

Resolution No.	12	New <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Substitute <input type="checkbox"/>	Amendment <input type="checkbox"/>
Submitted By:	Ninth District Dental Association			
Date Submitted:	April 21, 2026	Reference Committee <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Direct to House <input type="checkbox"/>	
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Amount One-time	\$ 0	Amount On-going	\$ none	

Recommendation for Revision of CODA Educational Requirement: Treatment of Isolated, Edentulous Space Proposal to Update Prosthodontics Educational Standards

1 **BACKGROUND STATEMENT:** Historically, the standard of care for the treatment of an  
 2 isolated, edentulous space was a three-unit, fixed-partial denture; particularly before implant-  
 3 supported, fixed prostheses became prevalent. At that time, the educational requirement for  
 4 proficiency in tooth-supported, fixed-partial dentures was justified and appropriate.

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 6 With advancements in dental care, the current standard emphasizes a patient-centered  
 7 approach. In many cases, an implant-supported, fixed prosthesis is now considered the  
 8 optimal treatment option. However, there are instances where this may not be feasible,  
 9 such as when patients have absolute surgical contraindications – like those with active  
 10 AIDS – or, in rare cases, due to financial limitations.

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 12 Rationale for Change

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 14 Retaining the education requirement for tooth-supported, fixed-partial dentures may  
 15 inadvertently result in patients who could benefit from implant-supported, fixed  
 16 prostheses instead receiving fixed-partial dentures. This approach prioritizes a clinical  
 17 requirement over the best interests of the patient, potentially leading to suboptimal care.  
 18 Transitioning to a requirement that focuses on the treatment of isolated, edentulous  
 19 spaces would support a more patient-centered model and resolve ethical dilemmas  
 20 related to optimal patient treatment, such as managing a single missing tooth in one  
 21 arch.

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 23 **12. Resolved,** Therefore, the NYSDA House of Delegates (HOD) submits a  
 24 resolution to the ADA House of delegates, advising the Commission on Dental  
 25 Accreditation (CODA) to change the educational requirement from “a tooth-  
 26 supported, fixed-partial denture” to “treatment of isolated, edentulous space.”  
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28 **Board Comments:** Our ADA Trustee pointed out that the ADA cannot tell CODA what to do  
 29 with its education and training standards. But the suggestion can come directly from the Ninth  
 30 District. If the Ninth wants NYSDA to make it, the suggestion should be reviewed by CDEL first.

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33 **BOARD RECOMMENDATION: VOTE NO**

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<b>Demas</b>		X			<b>Hills</b>	X				<b>Ramjattansingh</b>		X		
<b>Dominger</b>		X			<b>Jacobs</b>	X				<b>Rothas</b>	X			
<b>Edwards</b>		X			<b>Jacobo</b>		X			<b>Samuels</b>		X		
<b>Gamache</b>		X			<b>Korkosz</b>	X				<b>Scharoff</b>	X			
<b>Giordano</b>		X			<b>Krishnan</b>	X				<b>Stacy</b>		X		
<b>Greenberg</b>		X			<b>Miller</b>		X			<b>Stacey</b>		X		
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