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WITHDRAWAL OF
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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This memo serves as notice that the department of health, dental quality assurance commission (commission) is withdrawing the CR-101 for license requirements for expanded functions dental auxiliaries (EFDAs), filed on August 17, 2021, and published in WSR 21-17-119.

The commission is withdrawing this CR-101 because the rules do not state the number of amalgam restorations which must be completed in approved EFDA educational programs. The original rule petition request stated that EFDA students were having difficulty finding local dentists who routinely placed amalgam restorations. This could potentially make it difficult for these students to meet educational requirements. The petition requester clarified that they did not want the amalgam requirement removed from the rules, rather the number of amalgam restorations identified.

The commission discussed the rule writing request at the January 21, 2022, business meeting. The commission determined that the current rule language was adequate. The established rules require the placement and finishing of amalgam restoration but does not specify a number which must be completed. Keeping the current language allows the school to determine the appropriate number of amalgam restorations for their program participants. The commission will evaluate the program during the EFDA school review process every six years. Additionally, these rules will be assessed as a part of the five-year rule review process. The next review is scheduled for 2025.

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