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The Florida Department of Health and the Probable Cause Panel of the Florida Board of Dentistry are currently seeking and reviewing applications from actively practicing dental anesthesiologists who would be willing to serve as dental experts. Dental experts are integral for the Florida Department of Health and the Florida Board of Dentistry as each expert skillfully assists us in the review of complaints and cases that are filed against Florida dentists. Each dental expert reviews a referred case for determination of whether treatment records and indicated treatment meets the standards and requirements of the Dentistry Practice Act, and subsequently provides a written opinion to that effect. The expert's written opinion then becomes an integral part of the case file, and is presented before the Board of Dentistry's Probable Cause Panel for initial determinations of whether a case should be closed for no violations, or whether probable cause exists to file an Administrative Complaint against the dentist. If challenged, the case may go to a formal administrative hearing, where the expert's opinion and supporting testimony will be presented. Ultimately, each case in which probable cause is found is presented to the Florida Board of Dentistry for review and final action, during which process the expert's opinion will be relied upon and assessed for guidance in making final determinations.

For questions, call Ms. Irene Lake, Regulatory Supervisor, Prosecution Services Unit, Expert Witness Office at 850-245-4640, extension 8212.

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