**20:43:09:06.02.  Minimal sedation.** If a patient is 12 years or older, a dentist may administer an oral drug to achieve a state of minimal sedation without a permit. A dentist administering minimal sedation must have appropriate access to oxygen and suction and emergency drugs and must meet the standards of the Guidelines for the Use of Sedation and General Anesthesia by Dentists. If a patient is 12 years or older, a dentist may administer to the patient or prescribe for patient self-administration up to the maximum recommended dose of a single enteral drug per visit, to achieve a state of minimal sedation without a general anesthesia and deep sedation permit or moderate sedation permit.

**Source:** 37 SDR 131, effective January 6, 2011; 42 SDR 83, effective December 3, 2015; 48 SDR 62, effective December 13, 2021.

**General Authority:** SDCL 36-6A-14(20).

**Law Implemented:** SDCL 36-6A-14(1)(3)(13)(14)(22).

**Reference:** "Guidelines for the Use of Sedation and General Anesthesia by Dentists," 2016 Edition, American Dental Association. Copies may be obtained from the American Dental Association at [www.ada.org](http://www.ada.org) free of charge.