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STATE OF WISCONSIN  
BEFORE THE DENTISTRY EXAMINING BOARD

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IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF :  
ELISABETH M. BAERTLEIN, D.D.S., : FINAL DECISION AND ORDER  
LICENSEE. : FOR REMEDIAL EDUCATION  
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**0005486**

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Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 16 DEN 009

The parties to this action for the purposes of Wis. Stat. § 227.53 are:

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Wisconsin Dentistry Examining Board  
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Division of Legal Services and Compliance  
Department of Safety and Professional Services  
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Madison, WI 53707-7190

The parties in this matter agree to the terms and conditions of the attached Stipulation as the final disposition of this matter, subject to the approval of the Dentistry Examining Board (Board). The Board has reviewed this Stipulation and considers it acceptable.

Accordingly, the Board in this matter adopts the attached Stipulation and makes the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Licensee Elisabeth M. Baertlein, D.D.S., (DOB June 18, 1964) is licensed in the state of Wisconsin to practice dentistry, having license number 6625-15, first issued on October, 12, 2010, and current through September 30, 2017. Licensee's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is 4875 North Lake Drive, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53217-6040.

2. At all times relevant to this proceeding, Licensee was employed as a dentist at a clinic (Clinic), located in Muskego, Wisconsin.

3. On June 26, 2014, Patient A presented to Dr. B. A comprehensive exam revealed multiple areas of active moderate to severe caries throughout dentition.

4. On July 12, 2014, Respondent assumed care of Patient A due to Dr. B's departure from the Clinic.

5. On July 12, 2014, Respondent removed deep caries from the mesial occlusal area of tooth #2 and placed core build up. Respondent also prepped tooth #21 for a crown and removed deep caries to pulp. Respondent advised Patient A to take ibuprofen if needed.

6. On August 4, 2014, Respondent placed crowns on teeth #'s 2 and 21.

7. The radiograph taken on August 4, 2014, shows an issue at the medial margin of the crown, however, the image itself would not give enough information to suggest there was remaining decay.

8. Respondent did not have the opportunity to evaluate the tooth at subsequent visits as Respondent took employment at another clinic.

9. On September 2, 2015, Patient A presented to Dr. C at the Clinic, as Respondent was no longer employed at the Clinic.

10. Patient A explained that she had been experiencing sensitivity in tooth #2 since the crown was put on.

11. Dr. C took radiographs of tooth #2 which revealed caries that were not removed during the crown preparations.

12. On December 30, 2015, Dr. C removed the crown on tooth #2 which revealed a severely decayed and non-restorable tooth. Dr. C informed Patient A that the tooth would need to be extracted and referred Patient A to an oral surgeon for extraction and implant placement.

13. In resolution of this matter, Licensee consents to the entry of the following Conclusions of Law and Order.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Wisconsin Dentistry Examining Board has jurisdiction to act in this matter pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 447.07, and is authorized to enter into the attached Stipulation pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).

#### ORDER

1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.

2. Within six (6) months of the date of this Order, Elisabeth M. Baertlein, D.D.S. shall at Licensee's own expense take and successfully complete four (4) hours of hands-on, clinically-based education on the topic of fixed prosthodontics and four (4) hours of education on the topic of fixed prosthodontics as follows:

a. Each course attended in satisfaction of this Order must be pre-approved by the Board or its designee. Licensee shall be responsible for locating course(s)

satisfactory to the Board and for obtaining the required approval of the courses from the Board or its designee. Licensee must take and pass any exam offered for the course(s).

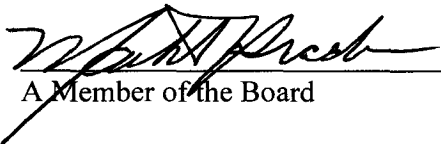
- b. All education completed pursuant to this Order shall be taken in-person. Education, such as webinar, online, or self-study shall not be approved.
- c. Licensee shall submit proof of successful completion of the education in the form of verification from the institution providing the education to the Department Monitor at the address stated below.
- d. None of the education completed pursuant to this requirement may be used to satisfy any continuing education requirements that have been or may be instituted by the Board or Department.

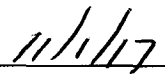
3. Request for approval of courses and proof of successful course completion shall be sent by Licensee to the Department Monitor at the address below:

Department Monitor  
Division of Legal Services and Compliance  
Department of Safety and Professional Services  
P.O. Box 7190, Madison, WI 53707-7190  
Telephone (608) 267-3817; Fax (608) 266-2264  
[DSPSMonitoring@wisconsin.gov](mailto:DSPSMonitoring@wisconsin.gov)

4. This Order is effective on the date of its signing.

WISCONSIN DENTISTRY EXAMINING BOARD

by:   
A Member of the Board

  
Date

STATE OF WISCONSIN  
BEFORE THE DENTISTRY EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF  
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

ELISABETH M. BAERTLEIN, D.D.S.,  
LICENSEE.

STIPULATION

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Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 16 DEN 009

Licensee Elisabeth M. Baertlein, D.D.S., and the Division of Legal Services and Compliance, Department of Safety and Professional Services stipulate as follows:

1. This Stipulation is entered into as a result of a pending investigation by the Division of Legal Services and Compliance. Licensee consents to the resolution of this investigation by Stipulation.
2. Licensee understands that by signing this Stipulation, Licensee voluntarily and knowingly waives the following rights:
  - the right to a hearing on the allegations against Licensee, at which time the State has the burden of proving those allegations by a preponderance of the evidence;
  - the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against Licensee;
  - the right to call witnesses on Licensee's behalf and to compel their attendance by subpoena;
  - the right to testify on Licensee's own behalf;
  - the right to file objections to any proposed decision and to present briefs or oral arguments to the officials who are to render the final decision;
  - the right to petition for rehearing; and
  - all other applicable rights afforded to Licensee under the United States Constitution, the Wisconsin Constitution, the Wisconsin Statutes, the Wisconsin Administrative Code, and other provisions of state or federal law.
3. Licensee is aware of Licensee's right to seek legal representation and has been provided an opportunity to obtain legal counsel before signing this Stipulation. Licensee is represented by Patrick Sullivan.
4. Licensee agrees to the adoption of the attached Final Decision and Order by the Wisconsin Dentistry Examining Board (Board). The parties to the Stipulation consent to the entry of the attached Final Decision and Order without further notice, pleading, appearance or consent of the parties. Licensee waives all rights to any appeal of the Board's order, if adopted in the form as attached.

5. If the terms of this Stipulation are not acceptable to the Board, the parties shall not be bound by the contents of this Stipulation, and the matter shall then be returned to the Division of Legal Services and Compliance for further proceedings. In the event that the Stipulation is not accepted by the Board, the parties agree not to contend that the Board has been prejudiced or biased in any manner by the consideration of this attempted resolution.

6. The parties to this Stipulation agree that the attorney or other agent for the Division of Legal Services and Compliance and any member of the Board ever assigned as an advisor in this investigation may appear before the Board in open or closed session, without the presence of Licensee or Licensee's attorney, for purposes of speaking in support of this agreement and answering questions that any member of the Board may have in connection with deliberations on the Stipulation. Additionally, any such advisor may vote on whether the Board should accept this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order.

7. Licensee is informed that should the Board adopt this Stipulation, the Board's Final Decision and Order is a public record and will be published in accordance with standard Department procedure.

8. The Division of Legal Services and Compliance joins Licensee in recommending the Board adopt this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order.

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