

**BEFORE THE DENTAL BOARD OF THE STATE OF IOWA**

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**IN THE MATTER OF THE STATEMENT OF CHARGES AGAINST**

**MORGAN J. GANTENBEIN, R.D.A., RESPONDENT**

**LA CROSSE, WISCONSIN**

**#19-0133**

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**STATEMENT OF CHARGES, SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT and FINAL ORDER**

**(Combined)**

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**COME NOW** the Iowa Dental Board (Board), and Morgan J. Gantenbein, R.D.A. (Respondent), and pursuant to Iowa Code sections 17A.10 and 272C.3(4), enter into the following combined Statement of Charges, Settlement Agreement and Final Order (Order).

**A. LEGAL AUTHORITY AND JURISDICTION**

1. Respondent was issued dental assistant registration 13674 in the state of Iowa on September 5, 2019.
2. Respondent's dental assistant registration is current and will expire on August 31, 2021.
3. The Board has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to Iowa Code chapters 147, 153, and 272C (2018).

## **B. STATEMENT OF CHARGES**

### **SECTIONS OF STATUTES AND RULES INVOLVED**

#### **COUNT I**

4. Respondent is charged under Iowa Code section 153.34(4) and 650 IAC 30.4(1) c with engaging in the practice of dental assisting without a registration.

#### **STATEMENT OF MATTERS ASSERTED**

5. If a dental assistant trainee fails to become registered by the trainee status expiration date, the trainee must stop work as a dental assistant trainee, pursuant to 650 IAC 20.5(2) a (2).
6. Respondent's dental assistant trainee registration expired in July 2018.
7. From July 2018 to September 2019, Respondent practiced dental assisting without a registration from the Board.

#### **C. SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND FINAL ORDER**

##### **THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:**

8. Respondent is **CITED** for practicing dental assisting without a registration and **WARNED** that future violations may result in further disciplinary action.
9. Respondent agrees to submit a civil penalty in the amount of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) to the Board within sixty (60) days of the date of this Order, made payable to Treasurer, State of Iowa, to be deposited in the general fund.
10. Respondent agrees to submit documentation verifying completion of required continuing education during the period in which she practiced dental assisting

without a registration within sixty (60) days of the date of this Order. If documentation is unavailable Respondent agrees to submit a plan for completion of continuing education requirements within the same time period.

11. This Order constitutes the initiation and resolution of a contested case proceeding.
12. This Order is voluntarily submitted by Respondent to the Board for consideration.
13. Respondent acknowledges that no member of the Board, nor any employee, nor attorney for the Board, has coerced, intimidated, or pressured her, in any way whatsoever, to execute this Order.
14. By entering into this Order, Respondent voluntarily waives any rights to a contested case hearing and waives any objections to the terms of this Order.
15. Respondent understands that by entering into this Order, she cannot obtain a copy of the investigative file. Under Iowa Code section 272C.6(4), a copy of the investigative file may only be provided to a licensee after the initiation of a contested case proceeding and prior to its resolution.
16. Respondent acknowledges that she has the right to be represented by counsel in this matter.
17. Respondent understands that the Board is required by federal law to report this Order to the National Practitioner Data Bank.
18. Upon approval by the Board, this Order becomes a permanent public record available for inspection and copying, in accordance with the requirements of Iowa Code chapters 22 and 272C.

19. This Order is subject to approval by the Board. If the Board fails to approve this Order, it shall be of no force or effect to either party.

20. Upon approval by the Board, this Order shall constitute a FINAL ORDER of the Board.

  
Morgan J. Gantenbein, R.D.A. 1/7/2020  
Respondent

This combined Statement of Charges, Settlement Agreement and Final Order is approved by the Board on January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

  
William McBride, D.D.S.  
Chairperson, Iowa Dental Board