

Case #23-81 Dr. Yazdani PCC Summary



The Professional Conduct Committee was asked to investigate a complaint under Section 29 of the *Dental Disciplines Act* regarding improper billing by Dr. Parviz Yazdani. Specifically, Dr. Yazdani had allegedly entered codes on days in which services were not provided.

During the ensuing investigation the following was noted by the Professional Conduct Committee:

- i) On December 28, 2022, Patient AA was seen as noted on the day sheet and patient chart for a New Patient Examination, 3 Periapical Radiographs, 4 Bitewing Radiographs, as well as a Panoramic Radiograph.
- ii) On December 30, 2022, Patient AA had the following entries made in his ledger that were dated to a Procedure Date of December 28, 2022:
 - 11101 Polish
 - 11116 6U Scale
 - 12113 Fluoride Varnish \$29.00
 - 23313 35 MDB \$280.00
 - 23313 34 MDB \$280.00
 - 23313 44 MDB \$280.00There was no evidence on the day sheet that the patient was in the clinic that day and no clinical notes were entered for the patient.
- iii) There was a message sent by Dr. Yazdani to a staff member outlining that a patient booked for January 10, 2023, had charges put through in 2022.
- iv) On January 10, 2023, Patient AA had hygiene treatment, and no new charges were entered in the ledger.
- v) On January 18, 2023, Patient AA had 5 restorations completed including teeth 35, 34, and the 44 that were charged for in December of 2022. The restorations for teeth 21 and 31 were billed in the ledger on that day.
- vi) Dr. Yazdani recognized that this decision was not in accordance with his ethical obligations nor with his contractual obligations with Patient AA's insurance provider. Dr. Yazdani reported that he made this submission with Patient's AA's knowledge in order to help Patient AA who was in a tough financial spot.

The Professional Conduct Committee made the following conclusions following their investigation:

- i) Dr. Yazdani submitted, or caused another person to submit on his behalf, a claim to a third party insurer for services purporting to have provided those services on December 28, 2022, when those services were not provided on December 28, 2022, thereby submitting a claim form to a third party reporting incorrect treatment dates and/or fees charged.
- ii) Dr. Yazdani violated Article B6 of The CDSS Code of Ethics by entering charges on a day that a service was not provided:
 - *A dentist who submits a claim form to a third party reporting incorrect treatment dates, procedure codes, and/or fees charged is engaging in inappropriate billing and unethical practice...*
- iii) Dr. Yazdani violated Article A18 in that the records he maintained were not adequate given the fact that they contained known inaccuracies.
- iv) Dr. Yazdani demonstrated Professional Misconduct as defined in Section 27 of the Dental Disciplines Act by purposefully entering incorrect dates for treatment delivered and submitting this treatment to a third-party payer.

As a result of this investigation and conclusions, Dr. Yazdani must comply with the following conditions:

- i) A non-redacted summary of this investigation will be distributed to all CDSS Registrants and will also be posted on both the Public and CDSS Registrant portions of the CDSS website.
- ii) The Professional Conduct Committee will perform up to two chart audits over the following 18 months.