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Message from the President

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The issue of mobile dentistry has generated a great deal of deliberation over the past two years. Not since the board decided to regulate enteral conscious sedation has a subject generated such controversy. A great deal of misinformation has been put forth—let's examine the facts:

We are dealing with an underserved segment of our population—poor, Medicaid eligible individuals. Their lack of dental care is an example of what former Surgeon General David Satcher called a “silent epidemic” of untreated oral disease, in his landmark report on oral health in 2000. It is a national

disgrace that in 21st-century America, millions of children do not receive basic preventive and restorative dental care. Many reasons are cited for this: lack of funds, lack of insurance, unavailability of dentists, lack of parental concern, unavailable transportation, etc.

In Louisiana, only 32% of Medicaid eligible children received any dental services at all in 2008. This translates into an astonishing 510,000 eligible children who received no dental care. The unmet need for dental services in this population is staggering. A recent study revealed 42% of Louisiana third-grade students had untreated cavities and in some rural parishes the incidence was as high as 55%. The CDC tracks dental trends across the country and details that in 2009 only 31% of dentists in Louisiana were “active” providers (meaning they received at least one paid claim in 2009) in the Medicaid program. The number of Louisiana dentists who actually saw a significant number of Medicaid patients in 2009 (with paid claims over \$10,000) was far less at 391 or only 18%.

These shocking statistics were corroborated earlier this year when **Louisiana was one of only nine states to receive an F grade regarding dental health and access to care for children.** Coming from a division of the esteemed Pew Charitable Trust, this should be a wake-up call that we are failing in our efforts to meet the needs of this underserved population here in Louisiana.

Inexplicably, the LDA introduced legislation to ban dental care in schools. This, when over half a million Medicaid eligible children were receiving no dental care. This LDA sponsored legislation would have eliminated dental care to thousands of children who had been receiving treatment by mobile dentists since 2001. This legislation was met with such massive opposition that the bill underwent a number of amendments. These changes reflect the fact that the legislature directed the LSBOD to facilitate access to care, not to stifle it. The final version directed the LSBOD to enact rules further regu-

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lating mobile dentistry. Ironically, rules on mobile dentistry had been in place for years without one incident. Another dental bill was passed providing for dismissal of the entire board of dentistry if the rules were not promulgated by January 1. Significant efforts were made by the LDA to stop the regulations from being enacted in time, thereby placing the board's future and the ongoing regulatory activity of the board in jeopardy.

To set the record straight, current school-based dentistry requires a written parental consent prior to treatment of any child. The parent has the option of deciding which procedures will be performed and can elect to be present at the time of treatment if they so desire. Under the current or past rules no treatment or procedure has been, is being, or will be performed without the written parental consent of parents or guardians.

Although this protocol has been used since 2001 without incident, the LDA requests that "there be an in person consultation between an appropriately qualified dental professional and a parent or guardian prior to treatment being rendered." This requirement would effectively eliminate dental care for the most vulnerable population of underserved Medicaid eligible children. The requirement of a telephone call prior to treatment had been considered. Data from East Baton Rouge Parish was recently reported in the House Health and Welfare Committee detailing that out of over 1.6 million phone calls to school families only a 45% connection rate existed in the poorest schools. The number of parents reached was far less. It is estimated that a phone call would deny care to at least 60% of the eligible children and an in person consultation would eliminate mobile care altogether because the programs would no longer be viable. In the face of our access to care crisis these policy requests would only worsen an already bad situation.

It is particularly disingenuous for the LDA to propose this restriction on mobile dentists when they have recommended treatment of Medicaid eligible children **without an in person consultation or the presence of a parent.** To quote from their proposal to the Jefferson Parish School Board: "consent and medical history form will be sent out asking parents/guardians to sign... For the children of parents who sign these forms, DHH will provide transportation from the schools to the dental providers offices and back again..." The LDA has endorsed the concept of dental treatment upon receipt of a signed consent and medical history form. Obviously, the LDA realizes (as does the LSB) that this is the only way that a large segment of this population will receive any dental care.

It is understood that the LDA represents the interests of the approximately 1800 member dentists. The LSB on the other hand (like our state legislators), are sworn to act in the best interests of the approximately 4.4 million residents of Louisiana. As such, we must ask ourselves: "What is best for the children who are directly impacted by the rules we promulgate? Will more children receive care or will restrictive regulations worsen an already bad situation?" I think we know the answer to that question.

To quote Martin Luther King Jr.: "Cowardice asks the question, 'Is it safe?' Expediency asks the question, 'Is it politic?' Vanity asks the question, 'Is it popular?' But conscience

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asks the question, 'Is it right?' And there comes a time when one must take a position that is neither safe, nor political, nor popular, but one must take it because one's conscience tells one that it is right."

After reading the last LDA journal, I was dismayed at the rhetoric castigating the LSBd for doing what it had been directed to do by the legislature. The infighting between the LDA and the Board over the past two years has hurt both organizations. This is in stark contrast to the mutually beneficial relationship we have enjoyed for most of the past 20 years. We need to work together, not against each other, for the good of the public and the profession. Several state legislatures are acting unilaterally to introduce mid-level providers/dental therapists to address access to care issues. Our profession would be better served to encourage licensed dentists delivering care rather than permitting less qualified individuals (as in the Minnesota mid-level providers). Restrictive regulations that would discourage licensed dentists from providing care would only encourage the legislature to pursue other options, as has occurred in Minnesota as well as other states.

This year will complete my term on the board. I am leaving after serving for 15 years. I wish to thank all present and past members and staff with whom I have had the pleasure and honor to work with. You truly have an excellent Board which has no agenda but the protection of the public and who put their personal views aside when acting as members. Please support your board.

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From the Desk of the Executive Director

C. Barry Ogden

As I enter my last year as the Executive Director, I would like to reflect not only on the past year, but the last 21 years I have had the privilege of serving in this capacity. We all have an underlying urge to give something back. All of the present and past members I have worked for have been truly an inspiration for me. I got to give back because the nature of my job has been to protect the public. If you are an attorney, you know this is much more satisfying than suing people and having to deal with all sorts of unscrupulous characters. That's not to say we don't have a few in the dental profession, but by and large 98% of our licensees are honest hard working professionals with the best of intentions. The unfortunate part of my job has been to clean up that nagging 2% who make it bad for all of us. That's a shame.

However, I want to talk about board members. Do you have any idea what these ladies and gentlemen give up to serve on the Board? First, they lose money because they have to tend to board matters, and sometimes specialists on the board see some referrals dry up. That is a shame because all of you should be proud of your members. One member once said, "A lot of these guys used to be my friends. Now when I go to a dental meeting, it is as if Moses parted the Red Sea for me to pass on through." That's a shame.

When is the last time you thanked a board member for their service? When I see a soldier at an airport, I like to shake his hand and thank him for his service. Sometimes I buy him a drink. Our society has gotten so me, me, me that we, we, we have forgotten what our mothers always said: "Be sure to say thank you." That's a shame.

Have you ever been to a board nominating meeting and there were so few people there, they had to cross nominate themselves? That's because there are too many of you who are able but unwilling to give back as a board member. Hey, I can understand many of us have circumstances which would preclude you from service. However, there are many who can. That's a shame.

So, secondly, they lose some (so called) friends. That's a shame.

Lastly, they give up so much of their time which they could be using with their family, friends, sports, hobbies, etc. Have you ever thought about how much time they give up to give back? It's a lot. They attend at least four meetings a year. Preside over disciplinary hearings. Serve as graders on clinical licensing examinations all over the South and Puerto Rico. They review hundreds of complaints a year. They attend two national meetings a year. They also have overhead just like you, but they sacrifice that to give back. That's a shame.

On the other hand they (and I) are accused of all sorts of chicanery. Every time a licensee gets sanctioned they always explain it as the board was on a witch hunt, or that member had it in for me or they are power hungry and they mistreat us. This is all bogus, and I ask you whether you would sign a consent decree if you thought we were wrong? I don't think so. That's a shame.

Now that I have gotten that off my chest, and believe me I have wanted to say these things for a very long time, let me bring you up to date on what we have been doing.

Dr. Maria LaSalle had to resign and Governor Jindal replaced her with Dr. Rusty Mayer of Hammond. We sure will miss Dr. LaSalle and look forward to working more with Dr. Mayer.

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At the end of this year Dr. Chuck McCabe and Mrs. Christine Guillaume, R.D.H., will be term limited. They have served you well so please tell them thank you for their 15 and 10 years of service respectively. The term of Dr. David Melancon ends as well, but he has been re-nominated for a second term. Thank you, David, for wanting to come back and give back some more.

We have finally entered the 21st century. We have developed a new software system which will enable all of us to do more with less. We are in the process of going paperless. The best news is you are now able to renew your licenses and permits online.

Mrs. Linda Foto, former Director of Licensing, retired this year and Erin Conner has assumed that position. Erin brings a great deal of intelligence and computer savvy with her. Rachel Daniel was hired to be my assistant.

During this past year the Division of Administration ordered all state agencies in the New Orleans area to relocate to the Benson Tower Building. Only the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry and one other agency were able to avoid the move. In doing so, we saved approximately \$500,000 over the course of our lease. If we had been forced to move, we would have needed a fee increase. We hope this meets with your satisfaction.

I plan on retiring at the end of October 2011 so this may be my last "Bulletin" article. To all the friends I have made within the profession, and to all those board members I worked with over these 21 years "THANK YOU."

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DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS 2009-2010

The following represents summaries of disciplinary actions taken in 2009-2010 by the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry or judgments rendered by the court in connection with civil and/or criminal proceedings and/or appellate proceedings involving registrants of this board. In the event further judicial appeals are taken in any of these matters, they will be reviewed in the next issue of The Bulletin.

1. **Johnny R. Bear, D.D.S.**
Marrero, Louisiana
Violation- Allegations that he committed fraud in violation of R.S. 37:776(A)(16) and (21).
Final disposition- Dr. Bear entered into a consent decree with the board wherein he paid a fine in the amount of \$2,000.
2. **William A. Bolinger, D.D.S.**
Bossier City, Louisiana
Violation- Allegations that he committed fraud in violation of R.S. 37:776(A)(16) and (21).
Final disposition- Dr. Bollinger entered into a consent decree with the board wherein he paid a fine in the amount of \$5,000 and reimbursed the board's costs.
3. **Trang Burke, D.D.S.**
Gretna, Louisiana
Violation- The board filed formal proceedings against Dr. Burke pertaining to her employing unlicensed persons to perform procedures which under the Dental Practice Act can only be performed by persons licensed to practice dentistry or dental hygiene in this state in violation of R.S. 37:776(A)(11); delegating duties to auxiliary personnel either prohibited or not authorized by law to perform in violation of R.S. 37:792.1 and allowing a dental assistant to perform duties not authorized by LAC 46:XXXIII.501 thereby forming a violation of R.S. 37:776(A)(24); making a misrepresentation to influence, persuade, or induce dental patronage in violation of R.S. 37:776(A)(12); conduct intended to deceive or defraud the public in violation of R.S. 37:776(A)(16); maintaining a dental practice which failed to satisfy the prevailing acceptable standards of dental practice in this state in violation of R.S. 37:776(A)(8); violation of LAC 46:XXXIII.1203 by failing to follow universal precautions as recommended by Federal Centers for disease control thereby forming a violation of R.S. 37:776(A)(24).
Final disposition- Dr. Burke voluntarily surrendered her license to practice dentistry in the state of Louisiana and should she seek the reinstatement of her license she will pay a fine of \$5,000 and reimburse the board's costs.
4. **James R. Bush, Jr., D.D.S.**
Rayne, Louisiana
Violation- Prescribing habit-forming or other legally controlled substances in other than a legal or legitimate manner in violation of R.S. 37:776(A)(6).
Final disposition- Dr. Bush entered into a consent decree with the board wherein he voluntarily surrendered his license to practice dentistry in the state of Louisiana and reimbursed the board's costs.
5. **Michael W. Dubose, D.D.S.**
Lake Charles, Louisiana
Violation- Habitual indulgence in the use of drugs, narcotics, and intoxicating liqueurs in violation of R.S. 37:776(A)(5).
Final disposition- Dr. Dubose entered into a consent decree wherein he surrendered his license to practice dentistry in the state of Louisiana.
6. **Dennis L. Henry, D.D.S.**
Harahan, Louisiana
Violation- Allegations that he committed fraud in violation of R.S. 37:776(A)(16) and (21).
Final disposition- Dr. Henry entered into a consent decree with the board wherein he paid a fine in the amount of \$1,000.
7. **Marcus K. Jackson, D.D.S.**
Metairie, Louisiana
Violation- Maintaining a dental practice which fails to satisfy the prevailing acceptable standards of dental practice in this

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state in violation of R.S. 37:776(A)(8).

Final disposition- Dr. Jackson entered into a consent decree with the board wherein he reimbursed the board's costs and made restitution to the patient.

8. **Bruce J. Kestler, D.D.S.**

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Violation- Maintaining a dental practice which fails to satisfy the prevailing acceptable standards of dental practice in this state in violation of R.S. 37:776(A)(8); that he habitually indulged in the use of drugs, narcotics or intoxicating liquors in violation of R.S. 37:776(A)(5); and that he prescribed, dispensed, or administered habit-forming or other legally controlled substances in other than a legal or legitimate manner in violation of R.S. 37:776(A)(6).

Final disposition- Dr. Kestler entered into a consent decree with the board wherein he paid a fine in the amount of \$20,000 and reimbursed the board's costs; his license was suspended for a period of five years which suspension was stayed pending his satisfactory completion of a period of probation of five years; surrendered all controlled dangerous substance prescribing privileges and entered into a monitoring program with the board.

9. **Kimberly A. Meng, D.D.S.**

Hammond, Louisiana

Violation- Advertising and performing services outside the scope of dentistry in violation of LAC 46:XXXIII.301(E) thereby forming a violation of R.S. 37:775(A)(5) and (12); and R.S. 37:776(A)(24).

Final disposition- Dr. Meng entered into a consent decree wherein she paid a fine in the amount of \$10,000 and reimbursed the board's costs; began a period of probation for three years; and successfully completed an examination in jurisprudence and ethics.

10. **Vintage L. Poirier, D.D.S.**

Arnaudville, Louisiana

Violation- Habitual indulgence in the use of drugs, narcotics, and intoxicating liquors in violation of R.S. 37:776(A)(5); and prescribing or dispensing habit-forming or other legally controlled substances in other than a legal or legitimate manner in violation of R.S. 37:776(A)(6).

Final disposition- Dr. Poirier entered into a consent decree with the board wherein she paid a fine in the amount of \$10,000; surrendered all controlled dangerous substance prescribing privileges; entered into the board's monitoring program; and was placed on probation for a period of five years.

11. **Kenneth O. Starling, D.D.S.**

Slidell, Louisiana

Violation- Prescribing, dispensing, or administering habit-forming or other legally controlled substances in other than a legal or legitimate manner in violation of R.S. 37:776(A)(6).

Final disposition- Dr. Starling entered into a consent decree with the board wherein he paid a fine in the amount of \$20,000 and reimbursed the board's costs; his license to practice dentistry was suspended for five years with suspension stayed pending a satisfactory completion of a period of probation as set forth in a previous consent decree of December 12, 2009; that he have an associate work with him in his office at a minimum of two days a week.

12. **Kenneth O. Starling, D.D.S.**

Slidell, Louisiana

Violation- Habitual indulgence in the use of drugs, narcotics, and intoxicating liquors in violation of R.S. 37:776(A)(5); and his failure to notify the board of three driving while intoxicated convictions in violation of R.S. 37:776(A)(21).

Final disposition- Dr. Starling entered into a consent decree with the board wherein he paid a fine in the amount of \$8,000 and reimbursed the board's costs; surrendered all controlled dangerous substance prescribing privileges; entered into a monitoring program with the board; and began a period of probation for five years.

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ADVERTISING VIOLATIONS

1. **Joseph A. Asercion, D.D.S.**
Centennial, Colorado
Violation- Advertisement in violation of LAC 46:XXXIII.301, thereby forming a violation of R.S. 37:776(A)(24).
Final disposition- Dr. Asercion entered into a consent decree wherein he paid a fine in the amount of \$500.00.
2. **Dimetry B. Cossich, D.D.S.**
Covington, Louisiana
Violation- Advertisement in violation of LAC 46:XXXIII.301, thereby forming a violation of R.S. 37:776(A)(24).
Final disposition- Dr. Cossich entered into a consent decree wherein he paid a fine in the amount of \$500.00.

RENEWAL FEES

LICENSE RENEWAL FEES

2011-2012 biennial dental license \$500

2011-2012 biennial dental hygiene license \$200

Delinquent fees will be assessed to all license renewals not completed by December 31, 2010 (if renewing online) or postmarked by December 31, 2010 (if using a paper renewal form).

PERSONAL ANESTHESIA PERMIT RENEWAL FEES

Renewal of personal nitrous oxide permit \$50

Renewal of personal adult enteral conscious sedation permit \$50

Renewal of personal pediatric enteral conscious sedation permit \$50

Renewal of personal parenteral conscious sedation permit \$200

Renewal of personal parenteral deep sedation permit \$200

Renewal of personal general anesthesia permit \$200

You will only pay a renewal fee for the highest level of anesthesia permit you hold.

ANESTHESIA PERMIT INFORMATION

DENTIST ANESTHESIA PERMITS

The current hierarchy of dental anesthesia permits is as follows:

1. General anesthesia
2. Parenteral deep sedation
3. Parenteral conscious sedation
4. Pediatric enteral conscious sedation
5. Adult enteral conscious sedation
6. Nitrous oxide inhalation

Dentists only hold an anesthesia permit for the highest level of anesthesia they administer, but it allows them to administer any type of anesthesia below it. For example, if you currently hold an anesthesia permit for the administration of level 2 (parenteral deep sedation), then you are qualified to administer levels 2 through 6.

You may find anesthesia permit applications on our website at www.lsb.org.

HYGIENIST ANESTHESIA PERMITS

IMPORTANT: There is no hierarchy of anesthesia permits for dental hygienists. If you receive a nitrous oxide permit, you are not automatically authorized to administer local anesthesia. You must apply for your local anesthesia permit separately.

Nitrous Oxide

As of August 15, 2010, dental hygienists are now authorized to administer nitrous oxide after receiving the proper permit from the board. The application fee for a hygienist nitrous oxide permit will be \$50. The board is currently developing rules regarding these permits.

Local Anesthesia

Local anesthesia permits are not automatically given to hygienists after graduation or completion of an approved local anesthesia course. You must complete the course and fill out the appropriate application and send it along with the payment to the board office to receive your permit.

You may find anesthesia permit applications on our website at www.lsb.org.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS LICENSES

What do I need to post in my office?

All Louisiana licensees holding either a dental or a dental hygiene license must display their licenses in full and open view for all patients to observe. You must post both your original license **and** all current renewal certificates of your license and any anesthesia permits.

I opened up a second office. Can I get another original license to display in my new office?

NO. The Louisiana State Board of Dentistry issues only **one** original license (and **one** renewal certificate). You may display copies of any and all licenses and current renewal certificates in the additional offices.

Should your original license be lost or stolen, you must fill out an affidavit of lost license and pay a fee for a new original license to be created. If you simply want an additional original to display in a new office, we will **not** issue it.

When do I have to renew my license?

Licensees whose last names when they were originally licensed begin with the letters A through L renew in odd years and will not renew until December 31, 2011.

Licensees whose last names when they were originally licensed begin with the letters M through Z renew in even years and must renew their licenses by December 31, 2010.

I have to renew my license this year. What is the due date?

December 31, 2010. If you renew online, your transaction must be completed by 11:59 PM (Central Time), December 31, 2010. If you renew with the paper form, it must be postmarked no later than December 31, 2010. Any license renewal applications completed after that date will be assessed a delinquent fee.

What happens if I allow my license to lapse or I do not renew it?

If your Louisiana dental or dental hygiene license lapses due to non-renewal, you cannot practice dentistry or dental hygiene in Louisiana. Persons who practice with a lapsed license are subject to disciplinary action.

If you are practicing in another state and wish to give up your Louisiana license, please be aware that should you wish to reactivate your license in the future, you will have to re-apply for your license by credentials.

What happens to my license after the expiration date?

Licenses expire December 31, 2010. After that date, you will receive two certified mail notices notifying you of your possible oversight. If we receive no response from you or if you notify the board of your non-renewal intentions, your license will be revoked at the May 2011 board meeting.

ANESTHESIA (DENTISTS)

What is the difference between a personal permit and an office permit?

The personal permit states that the dentist is qualified to administer the indicated level of anesthesia. The office permit states that the premises and equipment where that level of anesthesia is being administered are in compliance with board requirements. You may not administer anesthesia unless you have a personal permit, **and** the location where you are

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renew your
license online at
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administering the anesthesia has an office permit for that level of anesthesia.

Every dentist in a group practice who intends to administer anesthesia must have his/her own personal anesthesia permit. Only one office permit is required for the office. Dentists may administer any level of anesthesia for which they have a permit in any office where there is a current office permit for that same level.

I'm moving to a new office. Can I use my same office permit at the new location?

NO. Office permits are specifically for the office listed on the permit certificate and **are not transferable**. You must apply for a new office permit at the new location. You may find applications for anesthesia permits on our website.

Adult enteral conscious sedation and nitrous oxide office permits are issued by the board upon approval of your submitted application. Office inspections are not required prior to issuance of the permit. These offices are inspected routinely in the normal course of board business.

Pediatric enteral conscious sedation, parenteral conscious sedation, parenteral deep sedation, and general anesthesia office permits **require an office inspection prior to approval and issuance of the permits**. You must allow adequate time for the processing of these applications.

Do I have to renew my anesthesia permit(s)?

YES. Anesthesia permits expire with the dentist's license and must be renewed.

A personal anesthesia permit is renewed with the dentist's license for an additional fee. If you renew your license online, the total fee listed includes the applicable personal anesthesia permit renewal fee.

Office permits currently renew automatically with the dentist's license. There is currently no renewal fee for office permits. These will be mailed to the permit holder along with his/her dental license.

I don't want to pay the personal anesthesia permit renewal fee. How can I give up my permit so that I don't have to pay the renewal fee?

You must notify the board office in writing (postal mail or fax) that you intend to give up your anesthesia permits. **If you administer anesthesia without a personal permit, you are in violation of the board's rules.**

If you intend to renew your dental license online, you must inform the board office in writing that you are giving up your personal anesthesia permit **prior** to renewing your license online. Once we have received that information and removed your permit information from our database, you may then log in online to renew your dental license.

If you intend to renew your dental license with a paper form, you may indicate on the form that you would like to give up your anesthesia permit(s).

ANESTHESIA (HYGIENISTS)

I have a local anesthesia permit. Do I need an office permit, too?

NO. The board does not issue office permits for the administration of local anesthesia. You may administer local anesthesia in any dental office in Louisiana if you have a permit.

I plan on getting my nitrous oxide permit. Does that mean I can administer local anesthesia, too?

NO. There is no anesthesia hierarchy for hygienists. Nitrous oxide permits and local anesthesia permits are separate permits with different qualifications and applications. You must apply for them separately.

I plan on getting my nitrous oxide permit, but my employing dentist does not use nitrous oxide in his/her dental practice. Can I still use nitrous oxide?

NO. You will **not** be allowed to administer nitrous oxide unless you are in an office where the dentist holds a personal nitrous

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oxide permit **AND** the office has an office nitrous oxide permit.

I'm working under general supervision. Can I administer local anesthesia or nitrous oxide while the dentist is out?

NO. Hygienists may only administer local anesthesia or nitrous oxide under direct supervision.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

I just got my license. Do I still have to meet CE requirements?

Dentists and hygienists who were enrolled in dental or hygiene school during the calendar year in which they received their license will not have to complete CE for the year in which they were still enrolled in school. They must still complete CE for the second year of their license term, and all requirements are reduced by one-half.

Dentists and hygienists who received their license but were **not** enrolled in school during the calendar year in which they received their license must comply with **all** CE requirements.

Do I send all of my CE certificates to the board office?

NO. Sometime next year the board will conduct a random audit of licensees renewing in December 2010. You will only send CE certificates if you are notified that you have been selected for this random audit.

How many continuing education hours do I need to complete? What are the specific requirements?

DENTISTS must have completed 40 hours by the time they renew their licenses. There is a requirement that one-half of the hours be clinical in nature. "Clinical" hours pertain to the actual delivery of dental services directly to the patient. A more specific breakdown is below.

40 total hours

Of those 40 total hours, **20 must be clinical in nature.**

Of those 20 clinical hours, **10 must be personally attended.**

The remaining **10 clinical hours may be personally attended OR online/correspondence courses (still clinical in nature) that require a written test at the completion of the course.**

The remaining 20 hours may be EITHER clinical OR non-clinical.

HYGIENISTS must have completed 24 hours by the time they renew their licenses. There is a requirement that one-half of the hours be clinical in nature. "Clinical" hours pertain to the actual delivery of dental or dental hygiene services directly to the patient. A more specific breakdown is below.

24 total hours

Of those 24 total hours, **12 must be clinical in nature.**

Of those 12 clinical hours, **6 must be personally attended.**

The remaining **6 clinical hours may be personally attended OR online/correspondence courses (still clinical in nature) that require a written test at the completion of the course.**

The remaining 12 hours may be EITHER clinical OR non-clinical.

For more information regarding CE requirements, please refer to Chapter 16 of the Dental Practice Act.

CE audits will be conducted sometime in the next year for licensees renewing at the end of 2010. Be sure to keep all CE certificates for five years from the date of completion.

FAQ (continued)

CHANGES OF ADDRESS OR NAME

Can I call the board office and give my change of address or name over the phone? Can I email it?

NO. Changes by telephone or email are **not** accepted. All changes of address or name must be signed by the licensee and in writing. You may fax or mail these changes to the board office.

**DENTAL ASSISTANTS AND
EXPANDED DUTY DENTAL ASSISTANTS**

Does the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry regulate or certify dental assistants?

NO. The board does not regulate dental assistants.

The board provides a certificate confirmation for expanded duty dental assistants only after he/she has submitted proof of completion of a board approved EDDA course, board approved radiology course, a copy of the acceptable current CPR card, and the \$100 application fee. EDDAs may not perform expanded duties in the dental office until they receive their certificate confirmation from the board office.

I have hired a registered/certified dental assistant. Isn't that the same thing as an EDDA? So can I just allow my new employee to perform the expanded duties?

NO. The Louisiana State Board of Dentistry does not recognize the registered or certified dental assistant as equivalent to the EDDA. Dental assistants may not perform expanded duties in the dental office until they receive a certificate confirmation from the board office after meeting the board requirements.

PRESCRIPTION MONITORING PROGRAM

What is the Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP)?

It is a program set in place by the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy to monitor the dispensing of controlled substances and drugs of interest. Healthcare providers have the right to access it for information on their patients of record. For more information, please contact the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy.

Are there any reporting requirements for dentists to the PMP?

Reporting to the PMP is required only for dentists **dispensing** controlled substances.

"Administering" means the direct application of a drug to the body of a patient by injection, inhalation, ingestion, or any other means.

"Dispensing" means the actual preparation and delivery of a controlled substance to the patient. Most dentists write prescriptions and the pharmacy then actually **dispenses** the controlled substance. Therefore, writing a prescription is **NOT** dispensing. Only those dentists who **dispense more than a forty-eight hour supply of controlled substances** to patients prior or subsequent to performing an actual procedure on a patient must report to the PMP.

This does **NOT** affect your ability to prescribe controlled substances. The PMP is for the reporting of **dispensed** controlled substances only. If you are registered as a **dispenser**, you **MUST** report to the PMP no less than once every 7 days, even if those reports are zero controlled substances dispensed.

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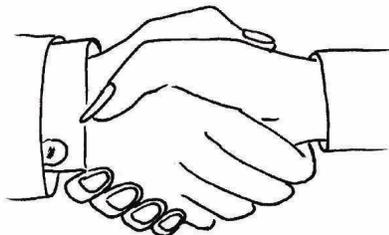
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