

AUTHORIZATION FOR THE RELEASE OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE ALL INFORMATION REQUIRED

(COMPLETE ONLY IF YOU HAVE TESTED POSITIVE FOR HIV, HBV OR HCV)

I authorize _____ and the physicians
Name of Hospital/Physician/Facility
who treated _____ to release to
Name of Patient

Louisiana State Board of Dentistry
One Canal Place, Suite 2680
365 Canal Street
New Orleans, Louisiana 70130
(504) 568-8574

my medical record or specific information relative to:

TEST RESULTS FOR HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS, HEPATITIS B VIRUS OR
HEPATITIS C VIRUS

I understand that the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry is mandated by R.S. 37:1747 to establish procedures for reporting a licensee's status as a carrier of HIV, HBV, or HCV, and that pursuant to Louisiana Administrative Code (Title 46 – Professional and Occupational Standards – Part XXXIII Dental Health Professions:) Chapter 12, § 1207, I am required by law to report my seropositive status or be subjected to those sanctions associated with violations of R.S. 37:776.

I further understand that the release of reports called for herein shall be maintained in confidence as required by Louisiana Administrative Code (Title 46 – Professional and Occupational Standards – Part XXXIII Dental Health Professions:) Chapter 12, § 1208.

Signed _____ Patient	_____ Patient's date of birth
_____ Date of Signature	_____ Patient's Social Security Number
In Patient _____ Date(s)	Emergency Room _____ Date
Outpatient _____ Date(s)/Type of Service	

§1747. Hepatitis B or Human Immunodeficiency carriers; practice requirements; report procedures; exemptions

- A. Each board licensing health care providers shall establish by rule practice requirements based on applicable guidelines from the Federal Centers for Disease Control which will protect the public from the transmission of the hepatitis B virus or human immunodeficiency virus in the practice of a profession regulated by the appropriate board.
- B. The boards shall by rule, based on applicable guidelines from the Federal Centers for Disease Control, establish requirements and procedures for a licensee and a licensure applicant to report his status as a carrier of the hepatitis B virus or human immunodeficiency virus to the board and shall enforce such requirements and procedures.
- C. Each report of hepatitis B virus carrier status or human immunodeficiency virus carrier status filed by a licensee or licensure applicant in compliance with this section and each record maintained and meeting held by the boards in the course of monitoring a licensee for compliance with the practice requirements established by Subsection A are confidential and exempt from the public records by R.S. 44:4(7), (9), and (11), except for the purpose of the investigation or prosecution of alleged violations of this part by the boards.

§1207 Self-Reporting

- A. Any dental health care provider who in the course of practice may at any time undertake to perform or participate in an exposure-prone procedure and who is or becomes HBV seropositive, HCV seropositive, or HIV seropositive shall be required to give notice of such seropositivity to the board in accordance with the provisions of this Section.
- B. Within 90 days of the effective date of this Chapter, any dental health care provider who has previously been verified as being HBV seropositive, HCV seropositive, or HIV seropositive shall give notice of such diagnosis to the board on a reporting form supplied by the board.
- C. Within 10 days from the date on which a dental health care provider has been verified as being HBV seropositive, HCV seropositive, or HIV seropositive, the dental health care provider shall give notice of such diagnosis to the board on a reporting form supplied by the board which shall be mailed to the executive director of the board, marked "Personal and Confidential" by registered or certified mail.
- D. An applicant for licensure as a dental health care provider who at the time of application is verified as being HBV seropositive, HCV seropositive, or HIV seropositive shall acknowledge such diagnosis in his or her written application to the board.
- E. Aforementioned reporting forms will be provided to each licensee with his or her license and additionally with his or her biennial renewal application, or upon request.
- F. The seropositive dental health care provider must submit to evaluation within 15 working days of his notification by the board ordering said dental health care provider to be examined by experts selected by the board, and those experts must complete and submit their reports to the executive director of the board within 15 days following their examination.
- G. Reports from two physicians and two laboratories evidencing change in the dental health care provider's serostatus shall be submitted to the executive director for board evaluation of the change of the serostatus when any dental health care provider previously verified as HBV seropositive or HCV seropositive who becomes HBV seronegative or HCV seronegative.
- H. Any dental health care provider or applicant for licensure who is required under this Section to report his/her HBV, HCV, or HIV seropositive status and fails or neglects to provide notice as set forth in this Section shall be deemed in violation of R.S. 37:776(A)(1), (3), (7), (12), (16), (17), (20) and (24), and subject to sanctions associated therewith.

§1208. Confidentiality of Reported Information

- A. Reports and information furnished to the board pursuant to §1207 of this Chapter and records of the board relative to such information shall not be deemed public records, but shall be deemed and maintained by the board as confidential and privileged and shall not be subject to disclosure by means of subpoena in any judicial, administrative or investigative proceeding; provided that such reports, information and records may be disclosed by the board as necessary for the board to investigate or prosecute alleged violations of this Chapter.
- B. The identity of the seropositive practitioner or applicant for licensure who has reported their status as being HBV, HCV, or HIV seropositive pursuant to §1207 of this Chapter shall be maintained in confidence by the board on all matters pertaining to the HBV, HCV, and HIV diseases, and shall not be disclosed to any other party, except as may be necessary in the investigation or prosecution of suspected violations of this Chapter, necessary for the evaluation and monitoring of the physical and psychological condition of the seropositive practitioner or applicant for licensure, or as allowed by R.S. 40:1300.14.
- C. Provided that the identity of self-reporting practitioners and applicants seeking licensure is not disclosed, the provisions of this Section shall not be deemed to prevent disclosure by the board of statistical data derived from such reports, including, without limitation, the number and licensure class of those who have reported themselves as HBV, HCV, or HIV seropositive and their geographical distribution.