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# THE BULLETIN



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# Message from the President Dr. Romell Madison



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Another year has come and gone. My, how quickly they seem to fly by nowadays. Our profession has been going through so many different issues over the last several years, I'm afraid to see what is going to come up next. I am particularly concerned with the movement toward mid-level providers. I do not think it is fair to provide substandard care to persons just because of their place in society. I hope we can avoid this in the state of Louisiana. I believe the members of the Louisiana Dental Association agree with this position as well. We have an ample number of dentists and hygienists

who can provide excellent dental care to the citizens of our great state.

The board of dentistry has been involved in more litigation in the past two years than ever in its history. This may be a direct correlation to the downturn in the economy. We have received more complaints regarding fraud and overtreatment than ever in the past. I remind you to help us in our quest to protect the public. If you know or can show that another dental healthcare practitioner is defrauding the patient, an insurance company, or the government, please write us a complaint. We must put a stop to this problem which is drastically hurting our image as dentists. At one time, we were one of the most respected professions. We have now slipped out of the top ten and are still sliding. Let's get our profession's reputation back to where it should be, and the only way to do that is to be professionals. Please treat your patients as you would want your family treated.

This has been an exciting year of change in our board. Last year was our first online renewal process which went extremely well, and this year we will be renewing online again. I estimate that over 90% of our renewals were online last year. We hope that this will continue.

We will be losing our executive director of over twenty-one years, Mr. C. Barry Ogden, who is retiring as of October 31, 2011. Mr. Ogden took us from a staff of one secretary who could not even handle correspondence to the well-respected board we have today. Our board has been recognized on a national basis at the American Association of Dental Boards (AADB) as one of the finest dental boards in the country. Presently, the president of the AADB is Dr. White Graves from Monroe, Louisiana, a member who served ten years on our board. We are extremely **15** proud of Dr. Graves and all of his contributions to our wonderful profession.

Mr. Ogden spent months training our new executive director, Mr. Peyton "Pete" Burkhalter who is also a lawyer. Pete has many years of experience in civil and criminal litigation. We expect him to take our board to even greater heights. We have great expectations for Pete.

Not many of you know how hard our board members work. Let me tell you,

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there is a lot of work that goes on behind the scenes which takes up our board members' time and often, money. I can assure you that you have an excellent set of board members who are doing their best to protect the public. Remember, the board member wears two hats. When he is at his office, he is a dentist; when he is working on board matters, he is a regulator. Without self-regulation we would be regulated by persons outside of the profession of dentistry. I urge you to support your board members whenever you can and please help the board when called upon. In this way, you can do your best to help protect the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of our state, while maintaining self-regulation at the same time. It's a win-win situation.

Wishing you and yours a happy and successful New Year, I am

Yours very truly, Romell J. Madison, RPH, D.D.S.

### From the Desk of the Executive Director

#### **Peyton Burkhalter**

I have the honor of being the new Executive Director effective November 1, 2011. I want to thank the board members who entrusted the position to me; the staff that has welcomed me with open arms and Barry Ogden for the time and help he has provided to me over the last several months. I can only hope that after my tenure with the board that I have accomplished as much as Barry has in his time. While Barry will be missed, I will do everything in my power to continue his efforts to make the agency a resource for the practitioners while continuing to protect the public.

I would like to share a little about my background. I grew up in Opelousas where I attended Belmont Academy. After graduating from high school, I attended McNeese State University where I received a B.S. in Biology in 1991. I attended Loyola School of Law in New Orleans, where I graduated in 1995. Shortly after graduating from law school and beginning my practice, I met my wife, Debbie. We are the proud parents of two children, Emily and Peyton. I enter the Executive Director position after practicing law for the last 16 years. During my practice, I was fortunate enough to represent disciplinary committees for dental board matters. As independent counsel for the board, I was exposed to its inner workings, the board members and staff. In addition, I represented numerous licensees in disciplinary matters before the contractors, gaming control and private investigators boards. Hopefully my experience on both sides of licensure matters will be an asset to the agency.

The board has been a very busy place since I accepted the position in May. I have conducted a nominating meeting in Shreveport, our investigator has resumed statewide CDC inspections and it is time for renewals. This is the second year for online renewals and based upon last year we are expecting that it will be a smooth process again this year. If you have any questions regarding a renewal or other licensing matter do not hesitate to contact us. In the coming weeks you will receive a letter from the licensing department regardless of whether you are up for renewal or not. Included in the letter will be a reminder of your renewal status as well as a summary of all of the disciplinary actions conducted by the board since last year. Last month a postcard was mailed to each of you advising you that the summer update had been placed on the board website. The summer update provides a summary of the rule changes made during the last year and those rules set to change in the coming months.

In the future, I hope to improve the efficiency of the agency through the use of technology. I am hopeful that we can move the administration of the jurisprudence exam online. Further, I would like to allow licensees the opportunity to update personal information online. Finally, we will continue to move the agency to paper-less. I welcome any suggestions and comments on ways to improve the agency from your perspective so please feel free to contact me by phone or at pburkhalter@lsbd.org.

### **DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS 2010-2011**

The following represents summaries of disciplinary actions taken in 2010-2011 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.

#### JOSEPH ELLIS BERNARD, III, D.D.S. HAMMOND, LOUISIANA

#### No Violation.

Action—Dr. Bernard and the Board entered into an amendment of the original consent decree wherein Dr. Bernard's license to practice was reinstated upon the completion of an evaluation and remediation at a board approved institution. Further, Dr. Bernard was ordered to undergo monitoring by a Board approved monitor for a period of 10 years, submit to random drug testing, and successfully complete a 12 step recovery program or other self-help program. He shall remain on probation for a period of 10 years from the date of his reinstatement, reimburse the Board its costs in the amount of \$26,000.00, and refrain from conduct for which he surrendered his license.

#### JAMES R. BUSH, D.D.S.

#### RAYNE, LOUISIANA

#### No Violation.

Action—Dr. Bush entered into an amendment of his original consent decree wherein the board reinstated Dr. Bush's license to practice upon a complete evaluation and remediation at a board approved institution. Dr. Bush would be monitored by Affiliated Monitors, Inc. for the duration of his 5 year probation. Shortly thereafter, Dr. Bush surrendered his license to practice dentistry.

#### PAUL M. CLARK, D.D.S.

#### SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA

Violation—Dr. Clark was charged with violating R.S. 37:776(A)(6) regarding his prescribing, dispensing or administering of habit-forming or other legally controlled substance in other than a legal or legitimate manner.

Action—Dr. Clark entered into a consent decree and was placed on probation for a period of five (5) years. In addition, he was ordered to pay a fine in the amount of \$2,500.00, plus the cost of the Board investigation.

#### FRANK N. GAENSEHALS, D.D.S.

#### SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA

Violation—Dr. Gaensehals was charged with violating R.S. 37:776(A)(6) regarding his prescribing, dispensing or administering of habit-forming or other legally controlled substance in other than a legal or legitimate manner.

Action—Dr. Gaensehals entered into a consent decree with the board wherein he agreed to pay a fine of \$5,000.00, plus the Board's cost of its investigation. Further, Dr. Gaensehals agreed to provide to the Board a self-query from the Prescription Monitoring Program.

#### LOUIS M. GENARD, D.D.S.

#### SLIDELL, LOUISIANA

#### No Violation.

Action—The parties entered into an amended consent decree wherein Dr. Genard's license was restored with all duties and responsibilities associated therewith.

#### BRUCE J. KESTLER, D.D.S. BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA

#### No Violation.

Action—Dr. Kestler entered into an amended consent decree with the Board wherein his controlled substance prescribing privileges were restored and he was released from his monitoring program.

#### THOMAS D. MCMICHAEL, D.D.S. MANDEVILLE, LOUISIANA

Violation—Dr. McMichael was charged with violating R.S. 37:776(A)(5) regarding his habitual indulgence in the use of drugs, narcotics, and intoxicating liquors.

Action—Dr. McMichael entered a consent decree with the Louisiana State Board Dentistry wherein he was suspended from the practice of dentistry.

#### VINTAGE POIRIER, D.D.S. ARNAUDVILLE, LOUISIANA

Violation—Dr. Poirier was charged with violating R.S. 37:776(A)(5) regarding her habitual indulgence in the use of drugs, narcotics, and intoxicating liquors.

Action—Dr. Poirier entered into a consent decree wherein she surrendered her license to practice dentistry in the State of Louisiana effective September 1, 2010. Dr. Poirier was also ordered to pay a fine in the amount of \$5,000.00.

#### PHILLIP J. STELLY, D.D.S. CARENCRO, LOUISIANA

Violation—Dr. Stelly was charged with violating R.S. 37:776(A)(6) regarding his prescribing, dispensing or administering of habit-forming or other legally controlled substance in other than a legal or legitimate manner.

Action—Dr. Stelly entered into a consent decree with the Board wherein the board will monitor his prescriptions through the Prescription Monitoring Program for a period of two (2) years. Further, Dr. Stelly was ordered to pay a fine in the amount of \$2,000.00, plus reimburse the Board its costs in the amount of \$500.00.

#### WENDY H. GREENE, R.D.H.

#### SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA

Violation—Ms. Greene was charged with violating R.S. 37:777(A)(11) in that she was engaged in a dental hygiene practice which failed to satisfy the prevailing acceptable standards in the State of Louisiana.

Action—Ms. Greene entered into a consent decree with Louisiana State Board of Dentistry wherein she agreed to reimburse the Board its costs and paid a fine of \$500.00. She was placed on probation for a period of one year. In addition, she was ordered to complete an evaluation for periodontal probing by a dental professional acceptable to both the licensee and the board.

#### BRENDA L. HUNTER, R.D.H.

#### MANDEVILLE, LOUISIANA

Violation—Ms. Hunter was charged with violating R.S. 37:777(A)(8) pertaining to her license being the subject of disciplinary action taken by another state licensing authority relating to her habitual indulgence in the use of drugs, narcotics, or intoxicating liquors.

Action—Ms. Hunter agreed to provide her medical records to the board for review; further, to report to the Board office every Monday, Wednesday and Friday to undergo a drug or alcohol screen, complete Alcoholics Anonymous 12 step program, attend a local Caduceus meeting for her period of probation, undergo addiction and psychological counseling at least once a week for twelve (12) weeks. She was placed on a period of probation of ten (10) years during which for the first two years she must provide to the Board quarterly reports from each therapist, counselor or sponsor identified in the consent decree.

#### JULIE WEIR SNYDER, R.D.H.

#### SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA

Violation—Ms. Snyder was charged with violating R.S. 37:777(A)(11) in that she was engaged in a dental hygiene practice which failed to satisfy the prevailing acceptable standards in the State of Louisiana.

Action—Ms. Snyder entered into a consent decree with the Board wherein she agreed to reimburse the Board its costs and paid a fine of \$500.00. She was placed on probation for a period of one year. In addition, she was ordered to complete an evaluation for periodontal probing by a dental professional acceptable to both the licensee and the board.

### **ADVERTISING VIOLATIONS**

## FREDERICK P. BERINGER, D.D.S. DENHAM SPRINGS, LOUISIANA

Violation—Dr. Beringer was charged with publishing an advertisement in violation of LAC 46:XXXIII.301(B), thereby forming a violation of R.S. 37:776(A)(24).

Action—Dr. Beringer entered into a consent decree with the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry wherein he agreed to pay a \$1,000.00 fine.

#### MARIA K. BLAKE, D.D.S.

#### HAMMOND, LOUISIANA

Violation—Dr. Blake was charged with publishing an advertisement in violation of LAC 46:XXXIII.301(H), thereby forming a violation of R.S. 37:776(A)(24).

Action—Dr. Blake entered a into consent decree with the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry wherein she agreed to pay a \$1,000.00 fine and correct all advertising, stationery, signage, etc., within thirty days.

### ADAM CORMIER, D.D.S.

#### SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA

Violation—Dr. Cormier was charged with publishing an advertisement in violation of LAC 46:XXXIII.301(H), thereby forming a violation of R.S. 37:776(A)(24).

Action—Dr. Cormier entered into a consent decree with the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry wherein he agreed to pay a fine of \$1,000.00.

#### JANNA S. CORMIER, D.D.S.

#### SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA

Violation—Dr. Cormier was charged with publishing an advertisement in violation of LAC 46:XXXIII.301(B) and R.S. 37:775 (2), thereby forming a violation of R.S. 37:776(A)(24); and an advertisement in violation of LAC 46:XXXIII.301(H)(3), thereby forming a violation of R.S. 37:776(A)(24).

Action—Dr. Cormier entered into a consent decree with the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry wherein she agreed to pay a fine of \$1,000.00 and correct all advertising, stationery, signage, etc., within sixty days.

#### THOMAS E. FOSTER, D.D.S.

#### **BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA**

Violation—Dr. Foster was charged with publishing an advertisement in violation of LAC 46:XXXIII.301, thereby forming a violation of R.S. 37:776(A)(24).

Action—Dr. Foster entered into a consent decree with the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry wherein he agreed to pay a fine of \$4,000.00.

#### NIOBE A. JOSEPH, D.D.S.

#### **GRETNA, LOUISIANA**

Violation—Dr. Joseph was charged with publishing an advertisement in violation of LAC 46:XXXIII.301, thereby forming a violation of R.S. 37:776(A)(24).

Action—Dr. Joseph entered into a consent decree with the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry wherein she agreed to pay a fine of \$500.00.

#### DUSTIN M. KIDDER, D.D.S.

#### **BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA**

Violation—Dr. Kidder was charged with publishing an advertisement in violation of LAC 46:XXXIII.301, thereby forming a violation of R.S. 37:776(A)(24).

Action—Dr. Kidder entered into a consent decree with the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry wherein he agreed to pay a fine of \$1,000.00.

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#### WALTER S. PLATT, D.D.S. BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA

Violation—Dr. Platt was charged with publishing an advertisement in violation of LAC 46:XXXIII.301, thereby forming a violation of R.S. 37:776(A)(24).

Action—Dr. Platt entered into a consent decree with the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry wherein he agreed to pay a fine of \$1,000.00.

#### CLYDE L. ROUGEOU, D.D.S. NEW IBERIA, LOUISIANA

Violation—Dr. Rougeou was charged with publishing an advertisement in violation of LAC 46:XXXIII.301, thereby forming a violation of R.S. 37:776(A)(24).

Action—Dr. Rougeou entered into a consent decree with the Louisiana State Board of Dentistry wherein he paid a fine in the amount of \$500.00, plus the cost of the Board investigation.

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# **RENEWAL FEES**

### LICENSE RENEWAL FEES

2012-2013 biennial dental license\$5402012-2013 biennial dental hygiene license\$220Delinquent fees will be assessed to all license renewals not completed by December 31, 2011 (if renewing online) orpostmarked by December 31, 2011 (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.	



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# **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.

If you are considering taking an anesthesia course at a school other than LSUSD, you should contact the board office prior to completing it to ensure that it will be accepted for your desired level of anesthesia permit.

You may find anesthesia permit applications under "Dental Anesthesia Permit Applications" on the "Forms" page of our website at www.lsbd.org.

### **HYGIENIST ANESTHESIA PERMITS**

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

#### Nitrous Oxide

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 is \$50.

#### **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.

If you are considering taking an anesthesia course outside a Louisiana dental or hygiene school, you should contact the board office prior to completing it to ensure that it will be accepted for your desired level of anesthesia permit.

You may find anesthesia permit applications under "Dental Hygiene Anesthesia Permit Applications" on the "Forms" page of our website at www.lsbd.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 must renew their licenses by December 31, 2011.

Licensees whose last names (when they were originally licensed) begin with the letters M through Z renew in even years and will not renew their licenses until December 31, 2012.

### You may now renew your license online at www.lsbd.org.

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

December 31, 2011. If you renew online, your transaction must be completed by 11:59 PM (Central Time), December 31, 2011. If you renew with the paper form, it must be postmarked no later than December 31, 2011. 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 may not 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, 2011. 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 2012 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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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 may 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. May 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. May 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 2011. 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 2011. Be sure to keep all CE certificates for five years from the date of completion.

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### **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.

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