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NEWSLETTER



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Recognizing the Drug Abuser

Your responsibilities: The abuse of prescription drugs, especially controlled substances, is a serious social and health problem. As a healthcare professional, you share responsibility for solving the prescription drug abuse and diversion problem. You have a professional responsibility to prescribe controlled substances appropriately, guarding against abuse while ensuring that your patients have medication when they need it. Points to consider:

- ◆ Keep in mind, most prescription drugs enter the illegal market primarily through “doctor shoppers”
- ◆ Before issuing a controlled substance prescription to a patient, check the PMP to see if the patient is receiving controlled substances from other practitioners.
- ◆ When confronted with a suspected drug abuser/doctor shopper: perform a thorough examination appropriate to the condition and document examination results and questions you asked the patient; request photo I.D. and social security number, photocopy these documents and include in the patient’s record; confirm a telephone number if provided by the patient; check the PMP before prescribing. Don’t take their word for it when you are suspicious!

OVERVIEW OF THE BOARD OF DENTISTRY

The Idaho Board of Dentistry is governed by the State of Idaho and is a separate and distinct entity from any professional association. The mission of the Board is to assure the public health, safety and welfare in the state of Idaho by the licensure and regulation of dentists and dental hygienists. The Board is self-supporting whose funding is primarily derived from the collection of application and licensing fees. The Board does not receive any general fund monies.

2014 Legislative Recap

As proposed, Senate Bill 1225 would have required licensees to report to the Board any felony or misdemeanor conviction. The bill was defeated in the Senate, primarily due to the fact that the legislature was not comfortable with the proposed language as it related to misdemeanors involving moral turpitude. The Board intends to introduce similar legislation again in 2015 but will only include the requirement of felony conviction reporting.

Senate Bill 1226 was passed and became effective as of July 1, 2014. The Bill included housekeeping changes to many sections of statute.

A rule docket was also approved by the legislature which reduced the application fee for a dentist application by credentials; clarified that a dental hygienist is prohibited from taking any type of final impression; clarified dental assistant prohibited duties and added the use of an air polisher to dental assistant prohibited duties; added a subsection to the unprofessional conduct rules for failure to release patient records or failure to cooperate with authorities; revised the advertising rules; reduced the number of continuing education hours required for renewal of an extended access dental hygiene license endorsement from twelve (12) to four (4) hours; and added a requirement for dentists to maintain certification in basic life support for renewal of permits for moderate enteral and moderate parenteral sedation; and language was added to Rule 055 in order to clarify the requirements for minimal sedation of patients under the age of sixteen (16) years or less than one hundred (100) pounds.

Controlled Substance Prescription Database: Idaho Code 3727-16 was amended by the 2014 Idaho Legislature and now includes the following language:

3727-16(b) Every prescriber, except veterinarians, must annually register with the board to obtain online access to the controlled substances prescriptions database. Such registration shall be completed upon renewal for existing controlled substance registrants and at the time of registration for first-time registrants.

2015 Legislation and Rulemaking

A Notice of Proposed Rulemaking was published in the September Administrative Bulletin. The proposed rules were developed in conjunction with the Board's anesthesia committee, and were reviewed by the Idaho State Dental Association. The Board will review all public comment at their next meeting on October 24, 2014.

The purpose of this rulemaking is to clarify the requirements for the administration of sedation to patients. The rule changes revise the minimal, moderate, and general anesthesia and deep sedation rules by inclusion of additional standards currently contained in the American Dental Association, Guidelines for the Use of Sedation and General Anesthesia by Dentists, October 2007. Additionally, rules concerning facility requirements, records, and patient monitoring have been revised for clarification purposes.

The Board also intends to introduce legislation to delete redundant language in Section 54-920, Idaho Code and clarify license status upon failure to renew; and amend section 54-921, Idaho Code, to clarify the process for reinstatement of a cancelled license.

Current laws and rules may be accessed at www.isbd.idaho.gov. Copies of the proposed rules and legislation may be obtained by contacting the Board of Dentistry at sbdinfo@isbd.idaho.gov

Board of Dentistry Facts and Figures

Cases Managed and/or Key Services Provided	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014
Initial Licenses Issued:				
Dentists	66	67	61	106
Dental Hygienists	<u>100</u>	<u>120</u>	<u>121</u>	<u>142</u>
Total	166	187	182	248
Professional Licenses Renewed:				
Dentists	1,539	Biennial	1,457	Biennial
Dental Hygienists	<u>1,574</u>	Cycle	<u>1,667</u>	Cycle
Total	3,113		3,124	
Sedation Permits:				
New Permits	20	12	10	17
Permits Renewed	35	53	45	35
Evaluations Conducted	31	31	66	58
Dental Offices Inspected:	0	74	86	0
Patient Complaints Received (Written):	57	43	64	37
Complaints Investigated/Reviewed by Board of Dentistry (Action Taken):	45	40	61	35
Board Orders*			23	12
Administrative Hearings Conducted:	1	1	7	2

**new/prior year data not compiled*

Performance Highlights: The Board received an appropriation in FY2013 to purchase new licensing software which was developed and launched on July 1, 2013. The web-based software will allow for many self-service options for licensees. Future enhancements are planned including online license applications and license renewals.

In FY2013 the Board conducted a comprehensive review of the Idaho Dental Practice Act and the administrative rules in order to identify appropriate changes to licensing and regulatory standards for dental professionals consistent with the protection of the public health, safety and welfare. This was a collaborative effort which included input from the Idaho State Dental Association, the Idaho Dental Hygienists' Association, as well as other interested parties. Legislative updates were introduced during the 2014 session; the following sections of Idaho code were amended as a result: 54-903, 54-911, 54-912, 54-915, 54-916A, 54-916B, 54-918, 54-920, and 54-924. Rulemaking conducted in 2013 was reviewed and passed by the 2014 legislature resulting in amendment of the following rules: 004, 012, 014, 015, 016, 017, 020, f028, 029, 030, 031, 035, 040, 046, 050, 051, 054, 055, 057, and 060.

In FY2013 the Board began a comprehensive assessment of regional didactic and clinical examinations to assure that applicant's skills, fitness and ability to safely and competently practice dentistry or dental hygiene are adequately tested. The assessment process was concluded in early FY2014 and policy revisions were considered as a result of the assessment results.

The Board of Dentistry has continued to refine its policies regarding complaint processing in order to effectively manage resources needed for an increased number of complaints requiring enforcement action.



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Licensed dentists and dental hygienists shall notify the board in writing of any change in the person's name or address of record within thirty (30) days after the change has taken place. Please mail this form to:

**Idaho State Board of Dentistry, P.O. Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0021.
Fax to 208-334-3247 or Email to sbdinfo@isbd.idaho.gov.**

Name (last, first, middle): _____

Old Name (if applicable): _____

Old Address: _____

City/State/Zip _____

New address (if applicable): _____

City/State/Zip _____

License Number _____

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