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AGENCY NAME: **Board of Dental Practice** (Affiliated with the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation)

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EMERGENCY RULES ADOPTED SINCE LAST REGULATORY AGENDA: None

EXPECTED 2021 - 2022 RULE-MAKING ACTIVITY: The board may undergo a review of existing chapters that identifies the education and examination requirements for initial licensure and renewal of licensure; continuing education requirements for renewal of licensure, practice standards, and sedation practice requirements. Additional rulemaking on the establishment of fees may be required, including anticipated rulemaking as a result of newly enacted laws of the 130th legislative sessions. In addition, outdated or duplicative regulations that may exist in 10 MRSA, Part 9, Chapter 901 and other statutes governing dental professionals will be updated or repealed.

CHAPTER 1: Definitions

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S.A. §§ 18324, 18379
PURPOSE: This chapter defines certain specialized terms used throughout all rules adopted by the board. The Board is expected to review this chapter to ensure compliance with newly enacted laws and clarify existing rules.
SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Anticipated completion 2021-2022.
AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees and general public.
CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: N/A

CHAPTER 2: Qualifications for Dental Hygienist Licensure and Dental Hygienist Practice Authorities

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S.A. §§ 18324, 18341, 18345; 10 M.R.S. § 8003(5)(G); PL 2020, c.44; and PL 2020, c.163
PURPOSE: This chapter outlines the qualifications for licensure and practice authorities as a dental hygienist. The Board is expected to review this chapter to ensure compliance with newly enacted laws, update outdated references, and provide clarification as necessary.
SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Anticipated completion 2021-2022.
AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees and applicants.
CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: N/A

CHAPTER 3: Qualifications for Expanded Function Dental Assistant Licensure

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S.A. §§ 18324, 18341, 18344; 10 M.R.S. § 8003(5)(G); PL 2020, c.163

PURPOSE: This chapter outlines the qualifications for licensure as an expanded function dental assistant. The Board is expected to review this chapter to ensure compliance with newly enacted laws, update outdated references, and provide clarification as necessary.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Anticipated completion 2021-2022.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees and applicants.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: N/A

CHAPTER 4: Qualifications for Dental Radiography Licensure

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S.A. §§ 18324, 18341, 18343; 10 M.R.S. § 8003(5)(G)

PURPOSE: This chapter outlines the qualifications for licensure as a dental radiographer. The Board is expected to review this chapter to ensure compliance with newly enacted laws, update outdated references, and provide clarification as necessary.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Anticipated completion 2021-2022.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees and applicants.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: N/A

CHAPTER 5: Qualifications for Denturist Licensure

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S.A. §§ 18324, 18341, 18346; 10 M.R.S. § 8003(5)(G); PL 2020, c.163

PURPOSE: This chapter outlines the qualifications for licensure as a denturist. The Board is expected to review this chapter to ensure compliance with newly enacted laws, update outdated references, and provide clarification as necessary.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Anticipated completion 2021-2022.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees and applicants.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: N/A

CHAPTER 6: Qualifications for Dentist Licensure

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S.A. §§ 18324, 18341, 18342; 10 M.R.S. § 8003(5)(G); PL 2020, c.88; PL 2020, c.163

PURPOSE: This chapter outlines the qualifications for licensure as a dentist. The Board is expected to review this chapter to ensure compliance with newly enacted laws, update outdated references, and provide clarification as necessary.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Anticipated completion 2021-2022.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees and applicants.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: N/A

CHAPTER 7: Establishment of Fees

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S.A. §§ 18323(3), 18324

PURPOSE: This chapter establishes fees for licenses, registrations and related services. The Board is expected to review this chapter as part of its fiscal responsibilities.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Anticipated completion 2021-2022.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees, applicants, and general public.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: N/A

CHAPTER 8: Qualifications for Initial and Renewal Registrations

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S.A. §§ 18324, 18341, 18348

PURPOSE: This chapter identifies the requirements for initial and renewal registrations in the following categories: sedation, general anesthesia, local anesthesia, nitrous oxide analgesia and dentist trainee for the purpose of completing supervised, clinical experience. The Board is expected to review this chapter to ensure compliance with current laws, update outdated references, and provide clarification as necessary.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Anticipated completion 2021-2022.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees and applicants.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: N/A

CHAPTER 9: Unprofessional Conduct

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S.A. §§ 18324, 18325(1); and PL 2020, c.223

PURPOSE: This chapter sets forth unprofessional conduct subject to disciplinary action pursuant to 32 M.R.S. § 18325(1)(E). The Board is expected to review this chapter to ensure compliance with newly enacted laws, update outdated references, and provide clarification as necessary.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Anticipated completion 2021-2022.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees and general public.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: N/A

CHAPTER 10: Sexual Misconduct

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S.A. §§ 18324, 18325(1)

PURPOSE: This rule sets for unprofessional conduct by defining sexual misconduct and setting the range of sanctions and factors the Board should consider in imposing sanctions. The Board is expected to review this chapter to ensure compliance with newly enacted laws, update outdated references, and provide clarification as necessary.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Anticipated completion 2021-2022.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees and general public.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: N/A

CHAPTER 11: Qualifications for Licensure by Endorsement; Requirements for Renewal, Late Renewal, and Reinstatement of Licensure and Authorities

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S.A. §§ 18324, 18341, 18347, 18349, 18350; and PL 2020, c.163

PURPOSE: This chapter establishes the qualifications for licensure by endorsement and the requirements for renewal, late renewal and reinstatement for licenses and authorities. The Board is expected to review this chapter to ensure compliance with newly enacted laws, update outdated references, and provide clarification as necessary.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Anticipated completion 2021-2022.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees and applicants.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: N/A

CHAPTER 12: Practice Requirements

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S.A. §§ 18324, 18325, 18371, 18372, 18373, 18374, 18375, 18376, 18377, 18378, 18393; and PL 2020, c.223

PURPOSE: This chapter establishes the practice requirements for individuals licensed or authorized to practice under the Dental Practice Act. The Board is expected to review this chapter to ensure compliance with newly enacted laws, update outdated references, and provide clarification as necessary.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Anticipated completion 2021-2022.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees and applicants.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: N/A

CHAPTER 13: Continuing Education

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S.A. §§ 18308(4), 18324, 18350, 18351

PURPOSE: This chapter establishes the continuing education required for licensees of the board, including provisions for inactive status. The Board is expected to review this chapter to ensure compliance with newly enacted laws, update outdated references, and provide clarification as necessary.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Anticipated completion 2021-2022.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees and continuing education providers.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: N/A

CHAPTER 14: Rules for Use of Sedation and General Anesthesia by Dentists

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S.A. §§ 18324, 18379

PURPOSE: This chapter outlines the requirements under which dentists may administer minimal, moderate, deep sedation and general anesthesia. The Board is expected to review this chapter to ensure compliance with newly enacted laws, update outdated references, and provide clarification as necessary.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Anticipated completion 2021-2022.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees and applicants.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: N/A

CHAPTER 17: Requirements for Establishing a Board Approved Dental Hygiene Therapy Program

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S.A. §§ 18324, 18345(2)(C)(2)

PURPOSE: This chapter establishes the requirements for dental hygiene therapy programs to be approved by the Board. The Board is expected to review this chapter to ensure compliance with current laws, update outdated references, and provide clarification as necessary.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Anticipated completion 2021-2022.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees and applicants.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: N/A

CHAPTER 21: Use of Controlled Substances for Treatment of Pain

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S.A. § 18324

PURPOSE: This chapter is a joint rule to ensure adequate relief of pain to the citizens of Maine. The Board is expected to review this chapter to ensure compliance with current laws, update outdated references, and provide clarification as necessary.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Anticipated completion 2021-2022.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: N/A

ANTICIPATED NEW CHAPTER 15 “Practice Guidelines When Utilizing Teledentistry”

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S.A. §§ 18324; and PL 2020, c.223

PURPOSE: This chapter establishes the practice requirements when utilizing teledentistry.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Anticipated completion 2021-2022.


AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees and applicants.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: N/A

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Memo

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of the Commissioner, DPFR (electronically)
Date: June 28, 2021
Re: 2021-2022 Regulatory Agenda

Please find enclosed the Maine Board of Dental Practice 2021 – 2022 Regulatory Agenda.
Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you.

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