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**Important
Information**

SUCCEEDING WITH INFECTION CONTROL

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The Nevada State Board of Dental Examiners is serious about patient safety and preventing disease transmission in the dental setting. It is critical for licensees, and their clinic personnel to succeed in breaking the chain of infection and keep patients safe. Following the 2003 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines for infection control in dental health-care settings is a great way to have a successful infection control program. In fact, when infection control inspectors for the dental board do an inspection at a dental facility, they are looking for compliance with these guidelines. Periodically CDC may publish updates to these guidelines or portions of the recommendations. For example in 2011 there were updates to the healthcare personnel vaccination recommendations. Attending well-rounded and researched continuing education courses taught by qualified individuals is a valuable resource to enhance your knowledge of infection control practices, as well as any recent updates to guidelines and recommendations.

Often times when infection control officers for the dental board are conducting a facility inspection, they find problems within the written infection control program. Having a written infection control program with clear policies and procedures ensures that personnel know what is expected. New hire training, and regular training needs to be done so that staff and licensees learn and use effective infection control practices. Someone must develop these written infection control policies specific to your dental location, and someone must update the plan at least annually.

The success of your infection control program is only as good as your weakest link. It is suggested that a program be implemented that observes and evaluates, to ensure that all persons involved with patient care and devices are following the written infection control policies and procedures developed for that specific location. Without evaluations, it is simply impossible to determine if your infection control program is working. The dental board highly encourages licensees to be the leader when it comes to infection control and must be present and available should your facility be selected for inspection.

Continually being proactive with infection control is the key. There are many resources to help you develop, update, and succeed with your infection control program. Most of the resources just require your time to read, learn, implement and evaluate. Here are a few resources to start you out on your mission to protect your patients, yourself, clinical personnel and to help you succeed with infection control.

<http://www.cdc.gov/OralHealth/infectioncontrol/guidelines/index.htm> <https://www.osha.gov/SLTC/dentistry/standards.html>
www.osap.org



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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

NEVADA BUSINESS LICENSE INFORMATION

Pursuant to NRS 353C.1965, the Nevada State Board of Dental Examiners is required to collect Nevada business license information from all licensees and submit the information to the State Controller's Office. The Nevada business license information will be requested and collected on the renewal form and through the renewal on-line portal.

Please be advised, if you open a new dental practice, purchase an existing dental practice, or contract with a dental practice as a **dental independent contractor** to provide dental services, you are required to have a Nevada business license.

You may visit www.nvsilverflume.gov for more information, or contact the Nevada Secretary of State office.

REGULATION AMENDMENTS AND REPEALS

The Nevada State Board of Dental Examiners conducted a review of Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) Chapter 631 pursuant to NRS 233B. This review is required at least every ten years to amend, change or repeal regulations. The Board conducted two workshops which were held on December 13, 2013 and January 24, 2014. The Board appreciates everyone who participated and provided input. Outlined below is a brief description of each regulation that was amended, changed or repealed. To review the entire regulation (R020-14), you may view or download the document by visiting our website at dental.nv.gov.

REPEALED REGULATIONS

The Nevada State Board of Dental Examiners has reviewed Chapter 631 of the Nevada Administrative Codes pursuant to NRS 233B. The Board has adopted to repeal certain regulations that are no longer valid or enforced. The list of repealed regulations is provided below for your review:

Adopted Repealed Regulations:

- (1) NAC 631.031 Hearing to determine claim of malpractice pending;
- (2) NAC 631.039 Application for permanent license holder of temporary license;
- (3) NAC 631.060 Reapplications;
- (4) NAC 631.080 Examination-Authorization required;
- (5) NAC 631.100 Examination-practice dental hygiene;
- (6) NAC 631.120 Examination-practical portion;
- (7) NAC 631.130 Examination-requirements for successful completion;
- (8) NAC 631.180 Employment of instructor;
- (9) NAC 631.2207 Application for limited license to supervise courses of continuing education.

AMENDED REGULATIONS – SCHEDULE OF FEES NAC 631.029

The Nevada State Board of Dental Examiners has amended certain fees. The amended fees are listed below:

- Application and examination fee for a permit to administer general anesthesia, conscious sedation or deep sedation \$750.00
- Application and examination fee for a site permit to administer general anesthesia, conscious sedation or deep sedation \$500.00
- Fee for any re-inspection required by the Board to maintain a permit to administer general anesthesia, conscious sedation or deep sedation \$500.00
- Biennial renewal fee for a permit to administer general anesthesia, conscious sedation or deep sedation \$200.00
- Fee for the inspection of a facility required by the Board to renew a permit to administer general anesthesia, conscious sedation or deep sedation \$350.00
- Annual license renewal fee for a limited license to practice dentistry or dental hygiene \$200.00
- Reinstatement fee for a suspended license to practice dentistry or dental hygiene \$300.00
- Reinstatement fee for a revoked license to practice dentistry or dental hygiene \$500.00
- Reinstatement fee to return an inactive or retired dentist or dental hygienist or a dentist or dental hygienist with a disability to active status \$300.00

AMENDED REGULATION INITIAL INFECTION CONTROL INSPECTION NAC 631.1785

The Nevada State Board of Dental Examiners amended NAC 631.1785 to include the same language contained in the random infection control inspections pursuant to NAC 631.179. Please review the amended regulation change that now includes paragraph 5 as stated below:

5. Pursuant to subsection 3 of *NRS 233B.127*, if an initial inspection of an office or facility conducted pursuant to this section indicates that the public health, safety or welfare imperatively requires emergency action, the President of the Board may, without any further action by the Board, issue an order of summary suspension of the license of the licensed dentist who owns the office or facility and the licenses of any or all of the other licensees employed at the office or facility pending proceedings for revocation or other action. An order for summary suspension issued by the President of the Board must contain findings of the exigent circumstances which warrant the issuance of the order for summary suspension. The President of the Board shall not participate in any further proceedings relating to the order.

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IN MEMORY OF:

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Katherine E May, RDH

AMENDED REGULATION PERTAINING TO CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDIT NAC 631.173 AND NAC 631.175

The Nevada State Board of Dental Examiners has amended NAC 631.173 and NAC 631.175 regarding the amount of continuing education credit you may receive through various methods. A dental licensee with an active status is required to fulfill a minimum of forty (40) hours biennially or for those licensees who hold a limited license are required to fulfill a minimum of twenty (20) hours annually. A dental hygiene licensee with an active status is required to fulfill a minimum of thirty (30) hours biennially or for those dental hygiene licensees who hold a limited license are required to fulfill a minimum of fifteen (15) hours annually.

You may obtain the required hours of continuing education via home study, on-line study, self-study, or journal study through correspondence, webinar, compact disc or digital video disc. Not more than fifty percent (50%) of the number of hours of continuing education may be obtained through the above referenced methods. A minimum of fifty percent (50%) of the required continuing education hours **must** be obtained by live lecture or hands on methods.

IN MEMORY OF:

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TO TREAT OR NOT TREAT? THAT IS THE DECISION

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One of the most frequent questions I receive from dental hygienists is regarding whether a hygienist can treat a patient. My first response is to review NAC 631.210 which lists all the duties delegable to a dental hygienist. Section (1) specifies that the list of duties can only be performed by a dental hygienist if the patient has had an examination by the dentist within the past 18 months. In section (1), the delegated duties can be performed by the dental hygienist under the authorization of the Nevada licensed dentist; the dentist does not need to supervise the dental hygienist at the time that the services are delivered. This means that a dental hygienist cannot see a new patient for hygiene services prior to the dentist providing the examination. The second issue regarding duties delegable to a dental hygienist falls in subsections (2) & (3) which can only be performed by a dental hygienist with the dentist supervision. Some of these procedures include bleaching of teeth, use of a laser, local anesthesia and nitrous oxide. The dentist must supervise through the duration of the procedures and must be readily available to respond to a medical emergency. So the decision to treat should be easy to make.

PRESCRIPTION MONITORING PROGRAM ANNUAL SELF QUERY NAC 631.045

All Nevada licensed dentists who hold a valid Controlled Substance permit issued by the Nevada State Board of Pharmacy are now required to perform annually a minimum of one (1) self-query report through the Pharmacy Task Force Prescription Monitoring Program for the issuance of controlled substances pursuant to NAC 631.045. The purpose of the self-query report is to ensure the controlled substances being prescribed by you are valid prescriptions, assist you in monitoring prescriptions for controlled substances that may be obtained through fraudulent means, or for potential patient drug shopping.

The licensed dentist who holds a valid Controlled Substance permit issued by the Nevada State Board of Pharmacy shall submit an attestation confirming compliance with this requirement on the dental license renewal form. Failure to conduct the self-query report annually shall be deemed unprofessional conduct pursuant to NAC 631.230.

If you are not signed up to access the Prescription Monitoring Program database, you may contact the Nevada State Board of Pharmacy Task Force to receive a username/password. The contact number for the Pharmacy Task Force is (775) 684-5694.

If you do not hold a valid Controlled Substance permit issued by the Nevada State Board of Pharmacy you are not required to perform the annual self query. However, you may not issue controlled substances in the State of Nevada without holding a valid Controlled Substance Permit issued by the Nevada State Board of Pharmacy.

WHEN IS AN INITIAL INFECTION CONTROL INSPECTION REQUIRED?

In 2010, the Nevada State Board of Dental Examiners took a proactive measure to ensure patient safety by adopting initial and random infection control inspections of dental offices and facilities. However, there has been some confusion as to when an Initial Infection Control Inspection is required and how to request such an inspection.

First, the regulation requires not later than 30 days after a licensed dentist becomes the owner of an office or facility in this State where dental treatments are to be performed, other than a medical facility as defined in NRS 449.0151, the licensed dentist **MUST** request in writing that the Board conduct an initial inspection of the office or facility to ensure compliance with the guidelines adopted by reference in NAC 631.178.

Therefore, you are required to request in writing to the Board no later than 30 days after you become an owner of a new office or facility or purchase an existing office or facility where dental treatments are to be performed that the Board conduct an initial infection control inspection to ensure compliance with the guidelines adopted by reference in NAC 631.178. The Board has a request form available on our website by visiting dental.nv.gov under the heading "Infection Control."

Further, the Board has for your review the Infection Control Audit Form used by the Infection Control Inspectors detailing the Infection Control items that are to be evaluated by the Infection Control Inspectors. This form is available by visiting our website at dental.nv.gov under the heading "Infection Control."

AMENDED REGULATION PERTAINING TO DENTAL ASSISTANTS NAC 631.260

The Nevada State Board of Dental Examiners has amended NAC 631.260 to add additional requirements for dental assistant personnel. Beginning July 1, 2014, all Nevada licensed dentists with an "active" status shall attest on their license renewal form, the dental assistant(s) personnel while so employed have received and completed the requirements pursuant to NAC 631.260. Please review the amended regulation that now includes the following as stated below:

- Containing the name of each person so employed, his or her position and the date he or she began to assist the licensee in radiographic procedures; and
- Attesting that each such employee has received;
 - Adequate instruction concerning radiographic procedures and is qualified to operate radiographic equipment as required pursuant to subsection 3 of *NAC 459.552*.
 - Training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation at least every 2 years while so employed;
 - A minimum of 4 hours of continuing education in infection control every 2 years while so employed; and
 - Before beginning such employment, a copy of this chapter and chapter 631 of NRS in paper or electronic format.

BOARD ACTIONS FROM JANUARY 1, 2014 — AUGUST 31, 2014

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