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Safeguard Against Prescription Abuses: 'Perform a Self-Query'

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In 2014, the Nevada State Board of Dental Examiners took a proactive measure to help combat the growing problem facing the State of Nevada regarding controlled substance abuse.

The Board received information from dental professionals regarding abuses internally in their dental offices with regards to fraudulent prescriptions being issued without the dentist's knowledge, authorization, as well as prescriptions written and at times to patients who are not patients of record of that practitioner.

The Board amended **NAC 631.045** to add the following provision requiring an executed certified statement that includes:

4. If the licensed dentist is registered to dispense controlled substances with the State Board of Pharmacy pursuant to Chapter 453 of NRS, an attestation that the licensed dentist has conducted annually a minimum of one self-query regarding the issuance of controlled substances through the Prescription Monitoring Program of the State Board of Pharmacy.

This provision will help make dental professionals aware of the prescriptions being issued for controlled substances to their patients, and hopefully avoid potential fraudulent activity by individuals. In order to perform a self-query with the Prescription Monitoring Program you must first create an account by visiting <https://nevada.pmpaware.net> and follow the instructions outlined below:

- Click "Create an account".
- Enter your email and a password.
- Select Healthcare Professional and Dentist. Click "Update User Roles and Continue". Enter your demographic information. Required fields are marked with a red asterisk. Check your email for further instructions.
- You will receive an email verification. Open the email and click on the link within the email. If the email has expired, click the link to have a new email verification link sent. Then click on the link in the new email.
- You will receive a second email with a validation document. The completed document can be uploaded or faxed to the number on the form.
- After the online demographic information is provided, the email is verified and the validation document is received, your account will be activated.

This information can be found on the Board's website by visiting dental.nv.gov. **Please be advised, failure to perform a minimum of one (1) self-query annually shall be deemed unprofessional conduct as set forth in NAC 631.230.**

dental.nv.gov



TERMINOLOGY...SLURMINOLOGY: UNDERSTANDING SCOPE OF PRACTICE

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Questions are often asked as to the meaning of certain terminology within the dental practice act. Initially one would look up the definitions listed in the NRS (laws) and NAC (Rules) but sometimes legal terminology makes you question what you have just read. For those in the dental profession who have a scope of practice, there are certain terms that have significant meaning of which we need to be aware, and educate those in the dental practice that are not aware of what scope of practice allows us to do and under what circumstances.

The first question most often asked is, "what is a scope of practice since it is not defined terminology?" The simple answer is to identify scope as being a spectrum of things or duties that you can do, and practice indicating that you can perform that duty under specific parameters. If it doesn't list it, the duty is not within the scope of practice. This is often a difficult concept in which to educate others.

Dental assistants have identified duties that the dentist may delegate to them in NAC 631.220 and these duties in Section 1 must be carried out under the direct supervision of a dentist. Section 2 & 3 identify only those duties that may be performed under the supervision of a dental hygienist if the dentist is not physically there to supervise.

Dental hygienists have identified duties that the dentist may, 1) authorize a dental hygienist to perform, (2) authorize but perform under supervision. Dental hygienists also have identified duties that the Board may authorize which can be performed without supervision of a dentist (requires a public health endorsement). These duties are identified in NAC 631.210. Section 1 identifies that the hygienist can perform the listed duties only if the patient has had an exam within the last 18 months. A dental hygienist can only perform authorized duties that have been consented to by the patient as outlined in a current treatment plan. Section 2 & 3 identifies those duties that must be performed under supervision. Sections 4 – 7 have specific requirements of practice outside of private practice.

The question arises as to the definition of "Supervision by a dentist". NRS 631.105 identifies what "supervision by a dentist" means:

NRS 631.105 "Supervision by a dentist" defined. "Supervision by a dentist" means that a dentist is:

1. Physically present in the office where the procedures to be supervised are being performed, while these procedures are being performed; and
2. Capable of responding immediately if any emergency should arise.

To clarify, a dental assistant must have a dentist present and supervising the work that is allowable unless they are supervised by a dental hygienist as set forth in subsection 2 of NAC 631.220. A dental hygienist may provide some services without the presence of a dentist on site, but the patient must have had an examination and treatment plan whereby the specific duties are listed that can be delegated to the dental hygienist.

A second question often asked is "who can provide whitening services in the dental office?" This duty is only delegable to dental hygienists and must be under the supervision of a dentist as defined above.

The last question often asked is "what procedures can a dental hygienist perform with a laser?" The dental hygienist (who has provided the dental board with documentation of approved laser certification) can only perform intrasulcular periodontal procedures or tooth whitening with an FDA approved laser under the supervision of a dentist who has proof of laser certification on file with the Board.

BOARD ACTIONS FROM SEPTEMBER 1, 2014 — MARCH 1, 2015

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IT IS RENEWAL TIME....FOR ALL DENTAL AND LIMITED LICENSEE HOLDERS

It is hard to believe it's already time for renewal. As you are aware, dentists and limited license holders must renew your licenses no later than June 30, 2015 to avoid the automatic suspension of the license effective July 1, 2015.

For your convenience, the Board has made changes to the on-line renewal portal and renewal paper forms to make renewing your license more efficient and less time consuming.

A few of the exciting changes made to the renewal process are Limited Dental and Limited Dental Hygiene licensees can now renew their licenses through the on-line portal. This is a new feature not previously available. In addition, if you are an *active* dental licensee and wish to renew either inactive or retired/disabled for the period beginning July 1, 2015 you may do so through the on-line renewal portal. However, you **may not** change your current licensure status of *inactive* or *retired/disabled* to active status. Such status change requires a Reinstatement of Licensure Application and may require Board approval.

Furthermore, retired/disable status licensees are required to renew their licenses. Previously, this requirement was waived. However in accordance with the NRS 631.330 and NRS 631.345 all licensees are required to renew to include retired/disabled licensees. The fee associated with the retired/disabled status is \$50.00 every two years.

The Board has modified the required questions based upon your licensure status to include new information, such as, military service, business license, and the prescription monitoring self query. The license status you select will determine the questions you will be required to answer.

Lastly, for licensees not wishing to utilize the on-line renewal portal or who are ineligible to renew through the on-line portal. The Board has created renewal forms for each type of license and status. These forms are available on the Board's website at dental.nv.gov. Click on "2015 License Renewal" to download the appropriate form. Whichever way you choose to renew your license the Board highly recommends you read and download the Renewal Instructional Sheet which will explain the process and introduce you to the new required questions and fields.

NEWSLETTERS "No More Snail Mail"

Please be advised, this will be the last newsletter sent to licensees by US Mail. On April 1st and October 1st of each year the Board will have a copy of the latest newsletter available on our website at dental.nv.gov. You will be able to download your copy.

In the future, the Board will be sending reminders, bulletins, and updates through electronic mail. To ensure you receive this information, please make sure you have a valid email address on file. To verify or add your email address, you may visit the 'address change' icon on the Board's website @ dental.nv.gov.



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THE IMPORTANCE OF A PUBLIC MEMBER

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One of the great privileges I have had over the last several years is to serve as the Public Member on the Nevada State Board of Dental Examiners (NSBDE). The mission of the NSBDE is to protect the dental health interest of Nevadans by developing and maintaining programs to:

- Ensure that only qualified professionals are licensed to practice dentistry and dental hygiene.
- Ensure that violators of the laws regulating the dental and dental hygiene professions are sanctioned as appropriate.

For me, as a Public Member, my role on the Dental Board is to protect the public and the consumers' interests.

Until I was appointed, the closest I ever got to the dental profession was a good teeth cleaning. But that is the whole idea of having a public member; somebody who can be part of the process, offering feedback and participating in the process of making dentistry an important partner in the health and welfare of the citizenry. It has been both an honor and a privilege to see first-hand how this system works in protecting the public and how the professions flourish in the standard of dental care.