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Online Renewal for Odd-Number Licensees

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It is license renewal time for dentists and dental hygienists who have odd-numbered licenses. Under Kansas law, odd-numbered licensees must renew their licenses in odd-numbered years. Additionally, the odd-numbered licensees must renew by December 1, 2015. The license renewal will be valid for 2 years.

The Board will no longer mail pre-populated renewal forms and return envelopes to the odd-numbered licensees. Instead, each odd-numbered licensee will receive a green postcard renewal notification.

When you receive the postcard, you may either go to the Board's website to renew online or use a blank form to print and mail with the correct renewal fee. Please make sure that you have a current mailing address on file. Again, no other renewal forms will be mailed.

If you are retired and wish to maintain a retired status, you will still have to fill out a form. Renewing in retired status online will cost \$3. For those renewing in retired status on the paper form, there will be no cost. The online renewal portal and the printable paper form will be found on the Board's website (www.dental.ks.gov).

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Sedation Permit Renewals By Paper Only

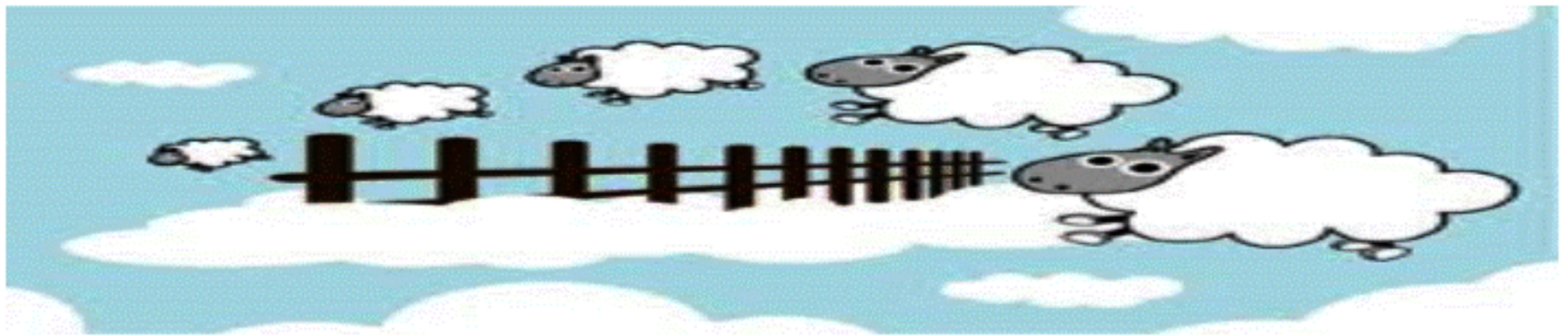
All dentists with an odd-numbered license who hold a sedation permit will be required to renew the sedation permit at the same time as the dental license.

Sedation permits will only be available for renewal on a paper form. The Board office will send paper renewal forms for sedation permits. **The sedation permit renewal forms will arrive on lavender-colored paper in the mail at the most current mailing address on file.**

Level I permit holders must have six hours of continuing education limited to sedation, which are in addition to the continuing education hours required to renew the dentist's license.

Level II permit holders must have eight hours of continuing education limited to sedation and shall include the complications associated with parenteral conscious sedation and their management. These hours are in addition to the continuing education hours required to renew the dentist's license.

Level III permit holders must have eight hours of continuing education limited to sedation and shall include the complications associated with airways and intravenous sedation and their management. These hours are in addition to the continuing education hours required to renew the dentist's license.



Continuing Education Requirements for Renewals Must Include Ethics

Under K.A.R. 71-4-1(b), each dentist licensee must have at least 60 hours of continuing dental education courses, including 2 ethics hours. Further, each dentist licensee who holds a specialist certificate must ensure that at least 40 of the 60 hours of continuing dental education are in courses in the specialty for which the licensee holds a specialist certificate. Each required course hour shall have been completed in the 24-month period immediately preceding the date of expiration of the license.

Under K.A.R. 71-4-1(c), each dental hygienist licensee must have at least 30 hours of continuing dental education courses, including one ethics hour. Each required course hour shall have been completed in the 24-month period immediately preceding the date of expiration of the license.

Dentists and dental hygienists who have questions about whether courses qualify for credit are encouraged to review K.A.R. 71-4-2, which outlines the general standards that are used by the Board in determining which courses will qualify for continuing dental education credits.

Random audits of continuing dental education courses begin in February of each year. Unless chosen for a random audit, licensees are not required to submit copies of any continuing dental education certificates or a list of the continuing education courses taken. If chosen for an audit, licensees will be required to submit certificates.

Sleep Apnea and Dentistry

Recently, the Board office has been receiving inquiries about sleep apnea in the dental office. As a result of these inquiries, the Board office is providing minutes from its open public meeting on May 3, 2013:

The Board welcomed William Leeds, D.O., D-ABSM, Medical Director of Pulmonary & Sleep Associates in Topeka. Dr. Leeds provided a detailed history of how obstructive sleep apnea affects the public health and answered a number of questions from the Board about whether a dentist could safely and effectively diagnose sleep apnea. The Board also reviewed the American Academy of Dental Sleep Medicine (AADSM) and American Academy of Sleep Medicine (AASM) Joint Policy Statement on the Diagnosis and Treatment of Sleep Apnea dated November 21, 2012. Additionally, the Board welcomed David Hamel, D.D.S., who submitted written materials on "Dentistry and Treatment of Sleep Disorder Breathing." The Board further reviewed written materials regarding sleep apnea from Eric S. Farmer, D.D.S.

After extended discussion, it was moved and seconded to adopt the following policy statement: "It is the policy of the Kansas Dental Board that patients presenting with symptoms of obstructive sleep apnea require an evaluation conducted by a qualified physician trained in sleep medicine. A qualified physician trained in sleep medicine is one who is licensed by a state to practice medicine and maintains certification from the American Board of Sleep Medicine or one of the sponsoring sleep medicine boards of the American Board of Medical Specialties." The motion passed.

The Board office encourages dentists to review their current practices regarding sleep apnea relative to the Board's policy statement noted above.



BCLS Card Reminder

A quick reminder that all renewing licensees will be required to have a current BCLS card prior to renewing a license. The Board will not accept any online course that does not have a "hands-on" portion for the BCLS card. Up to 4 hours of CPR training will count towards your continuing education requirements.



Expired Dental Materials

It is a good idea to clean out your supply cabinets. Get in the habit of discarding unused and expired dental materials. Any materials which would be injected, ingested, or otherwise absorbed by a patient should be disposed of if it is past the manufacturer's expiration date.



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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTION: Does a dental office have to release patient records if that patient owes the dental office money?

ANSWER: Yes. A patient is entitled to their records even if they owe the office money. A patient's records must be released to the patient even if the patient owes the dental office money for services.

Future Board Meetings

Friday, November 13, 2015
Friday, January 22, 2016
Friday, April 8, 2016
Friday, August 19, 2016
Friday, November 18, 2016
All meetings held in Topeka.

