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Online Renewal for Even-Numbered Licensees— Complete Your CE and CPR Courses



NOTICE OF LICENSE RENEWAL

www.dental.ks.gov - your link to online renewal

You will ***NOT*** receive a paper renewal form. This is your ***ONLY NOTICE*** of renewal.

RENEW ONLINE TODAY!

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It is license renewal time for dentists and dental hygienists who have even-numbered licenses! Each licensee must renew by or before December 1, 2016. The renewal will be valid for 2 years.

Each even-numbered licensee will receive a postcard renewal notification that appears above. When you receive the postcard or this newsletter, you may go to the Board's website to renew online.

If you are retired and wish to maintain a retired license status, you will still have to renew your license in retired status.

The online renewal portal will be found on the Board's website (www.dental.ks.gov). Renewing your license online helps save time and money. If renewing in active status, please complete your CE, including ethics, and CPR prior to renewing a license.

**CONTINUING
EDUCATION**

Continuing Education Credits for Dentists

During the 2016 legislative session, the Kansas Dental Association (www.ksdental.org) was instrumental in acquiring a change to the dental practices act regarding continuing education credits for dentists who render charitable care. Now, a dentist who is a charitable healthcare provider who has signed an agreement to provide gratuitous services may fulfill one hour of continuing education credit by the performance of two hours of gratuitous services to medically indigent persons up to a maximum of six continuing education credits per licensure period. The new law became effective July 1, 2016.

A prime example of dentists providing gratuitous services is KMOM, the Kansas Mission of Mercy free dental clinic (www.ksdentalfoundation.org). The next KMOM will be held on January 27—28, 2017, in Manhattan, Kansas, at the National Guard Armory. To date, Kansas dentists volunteering at KMOM have provided almost 27,000 Kansans free dental care valued at over \$15.3 million.

In addition to providing charitable care at KMOM, Kansas dentists will now qualify for continuing education credits (CE). For example, a volunteer dentist who provides 2 hours of gratuitous services at KMOM can receive 1 hour of CE. Each dentist can obtain a maximum of 6 CE per licensure period.

The Kansas Dental Association will be working with its volunteer dentists to ensure that CE certificates are provided at KMOM. Dentists across the state are encouraged to contact the Kansas Dental Association (www.ksdental.org) with questions about volunteering at KMOM and obtaining CE certificates at the KMOM in Manhattan, Kansas, on January 27—28, 2017.



Radiation Control Program's X-Ray Regulation Review

The Radiation Control Program at the Kansas Department of Health & Environment (KDHE) will be starting an update of the state's x-ray regulations. The regulatory review process can be long, but any future changes could affect dentists and dental facilities. The Radiation Control Program hopes to make changes that contemplate the digital age while still providing an outlet for the film / screen facilities that remain in the state.

The Board plans to host a meeting with agents of the Radiation Control Program regarding any potential regulatory changes. If you have any input regarding the state's x-ray regulations, please feel free to contact the Board (www.dental.ks.gov) or agents of the Radiation Control Program at KDHE (www.kdheks.gov/radiation/index.html).

Licensees Should Maintain Awareness of Assistant Limitations

The Board encourages licensees to review the practice limitations for dental assistants as nonlicensed persons. Controlling laws include K.S.A. 65-1423(a)(8), as further defined under K.S.A. 65-1423(b), and Article 6 of the Board's regulations. The cited laws may generally be found starting on pages 10—11 and 67 of the free courtesy copy of the dental practices act.

The Board provides a courtesy copy that is available for free download in two different electronic formats (www.dental.ks.gov/laws/kansas-dental-practices-act).

The courtesy copy has recently been updated to account for a few statutory and regulatory changes that occurred this year. Supervising dentists in particular should remain aware of the various practice limitations for dental assistants as nonlicensed persons.

Prescription Drug Order Reminder

This is a reminder for those dentists that order, or are authorized to order, varying schedules of prescription drugs for their office. Please remember to order only the prescription drugs that you are authorized to order for your patients. Do not order prescription drugs for family, friends, or your own personal use. You are not only putting yourself and others at risk, but you could face criminal prosecution or disciplinary action with the Board that could lead to sanctions, fines, or license revocation.



Sedation Permit Renewals

Each dentist with an even-numbered license who holds a sedation permit will be required to renew the sedation permit at the same time as the dental license. Sedation permits are only available for renewal on a paper form. The Board office will directly mail paper renewal forms for sedation permits.

The sedation permit renewal forms will arrive on **bright green paper in the mail at the most current mailing address on file.**

Level I permit holders must have 6 hours of CE limited to sedation.

Level II permit holders must have 8 hours of CE limited to sedation and shall include complications associated with parenteral conscious sedation and their management.

Level III permit holders must have 8 hours of CE limited to sedation and shall include complications associated with airways and intravenous sedation and their management.

All sedation permit CE hours are in addition to the CE hours required to renew the dentist's license.

Jeff Stasch, D.D.S., Completes Board Term

At its Board meeting on Friday, August 19, 2016, Jeff Stasch, D.D.S., was recognized for his 4 years of dedicated service as a member of the Board. Glenn Hemberger, D.D.S., President of the Board, presented and accepted the plaque honoring Dr. Stasch's service to the Board.

During his years of service on the Board, Dr. Stasch assisted in the investigation of a complaint and subsequent prosecution regarding the unlicensed practice of dentistry in Haskell County, reviewed and assisted in the implementation of the learning modules for the Extended Care Permit III course offered at UMKC School of Dentistry, and regularly promoted charitable care for medically indigent persons across the state.

Dr. Stasch's services on behalf of the Western Kansas dental community will be greatly missed. Thank you, Dr. Stasch.



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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTION: Does the Kansas Dental Board issue licenses or permits to dental assistants?

ANSWER: No. The Kansas Dental Board does not issue licenses or permits to dental assistants. Supervising dentists should remain aware of the various practice limitations for dental assistants as nonlicensed persons.

Future Board Meetings

Friday, November 18, 2016
Friday, January 20, 2017
Friday, April 21, 2017
All meetings held in Topeka.

