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Postcard Renewal Notification For Even-Numbered Licensees

NOTICE OF RENEWAL

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Kansas.gov offers online license renewals at
www.accesskansas.org/kdb/licensure.html

You will **NOT** receive a paper renewal form.
Renew online today! No further notices
about license renewal will be sent.

For more information about Kansas Dental Board
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**RENEWALS
ARE DUE BY
12.1.12**

It is license renewal time for dentists and dental hygienists who have even-numbered licenses. Under Kansas law, even-numbered licensees must renew their licenses in even-numbered years. Additionally, the even-numbered licensees must renew by December 1, 2012. The license renewal will be valid for 2 years.

The license renewal process will be different this year. The Board will no longer mail pre-populated renewal forms and return envelopes to the even-numbered licensees. Instead, each even-numbered licensee will receive in the mail the postcard

renewal notification that appears above.

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. Renewing in retired status on the paper form will have no cost. The printable paper form will be found on the Board's website.

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Continuing Education For License Renewals

Under K.A.R. 71-4-1(b), each dentist licensee must have at least 60 hours of continuing dental education courses. 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. Each re-

quired 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 den-

tal education certificates or a list of the continuing education courses taken. If chosen for an audit, licensees will be required to submit certificates.



BCLS Card Reminder For License Renewals



As a reminder, under K.A.R. 71-4-1, each licensee must obtain a current “basic cardiac life support for the health care provider” certificate. Any of the following American Heart Association certified, American Red Cross certified, or American Safety and Health Institute (ASHI) courses are acceptable to fulfill this new regulatory requirement for license renewal:

- (1) Basic Life Support (BLS) for healthcare providers;
- (2) Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) for healthcare providers; or
- (3) Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) for healthcare providers.

Additionally, an online course is acceptable only if there is a “hands-on” portion for the certification course. The Board will not accept any online course that does not have a demonstrable “hands-on” portion for the certification course.

Unless chosen for a random audit, copies of cards do not need to be submitted with license renewals. Licensees will, however, be required to submit the expiration date of the CPR card with the license renewals.

This new regulatory requirement applies to all future license renewal periods.

Board Prevails In Legal Challenge Against Teeth Whitening Business

The Board receives numerous complaints each year regarding free-standing teeth whitening businesses or shopping mall kiosks that allow one or more unlicensed persons to perform activities that may constitute the practice of dentistry without the direct supervision of a licensed dentist. One of the complaints resulted in the Board's decision to pursue legal action against a free-standing teeth whitening business.

In *Kansas Dental Board v. One Hour Smile*, Shawnee County District Court Case 10-C-1835, the Board sought injunctive relief

against One Hour Smile. After a hearing the Shawnee County District Court ruled in favor of the Kansas Dental Board. Among its many findings, the Court determined "that the teeth whitening service provided by One Hour Smile constitutes the illegal practice of dentistry and dental hygiene, as defined by the Kansas Dental Practices Act at K.S.A. 65-1422 and 65-1456 and K.A.R. 71-11-1." It entered "an order enjoining One Hour Smile from continuing to provide teeth whitening services."

The District Court's Order is final because One Hour Smile did not file an appeal to the Kansas Court of Appeals.



New Board Member, Jackie Leakey, R.D.H.

At its regularly scheduled public meeting on Friday, August 10, 2012, the Board welcomed its newest member, Jackie Leakey, R.D.H. Ms. Leakey succeeds Denise Maus, R.D.H. Appointed by the Governor to fulfill a 4-year term, Ms. Leakey is excited to join the Board.

Special Volunteer Dental License

Effective July 1, 2012, the Kansas Dental Practices Act now permits the Board to issue a Special Volunteer Dental License. The license expires on June 30 of each year and must be renewed on a yearly basis. It is for dentists who are retired and wish to donate their expertise for the treatment of indigent and underserved Kansans. Among other qualifications, applicants cannot have been the subject of any disciplinary action in any state. Applications are on the Board's website.

Investigative Committee Report

From July 2012 to September 2012, the Investigative Committee opened 22 new cases. During this same time period, the Committee closed 10 cases with outcomes ranging from findings of no violation to letters of concern or admonition regarding specific issues identified by the Committee. There were no disciplinary actions taken during this time period. Copies of the Board Orders can be found on the Board's website: www.kansas.gov/



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Frequently Asked Question: Can I practice without completing my license renewal requirements?
Answer: No. You must have a license to practice dentistry or dental hygiene.

Name and Change of Address

You may now submit a change of name or change of address through the Board's website using a fillable form on the Board's website: www.kansas.gov/kdb.

Future Board Meetings

Friday, November 2, 2012
Friday, January 18, 2013
Friday, May 3, 2013

All meetings held in Topeka.

Kansas Dental Well-Being Program

For assistance with drug, alcohol, and other personal problems, you may contact John Childers, Heart of America Professional Network, 6405 Metcalf Avenue, Suite 502, Overland Park, Kansas 66202 or (913) 236-7575.

