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What Are The Dental Recordkeeping Requirements?

The Board office regularly receives inquiries from both new and established offices regarding various aspects of the dental recordkeeping law. The Board certainly appreciates the inquires and applauds the desire of each office to ensure compliance with the recordkeeping requirements.

In an effort to assist with these inquiries, the law, [K.A.R. 71-1-15](#), is provided in full:

71-1-15. Dental record-keeping requirements. For the purposes of K.S.A. 65-1436 and amendments thereto, each licensee shall maintain for each patient an adequate dental record for 10 years after the date any professional service was provided. Each record shall disclose the justification for the course of treatment and shall meet all of the following minimum requirements:

- (a) It is legible.
- (b) It contains only those terms and abbreviations that are comprehensible to similar licensees.
- (c) It contains adequate identification of the patient.
- (d) It indicates the date any professional service was provided.
- (e) It contains pertinent and significant information concerning the patient's condition.
- (f) It reflects what examina-

tions, vital signs, and tests were obtained, performed, or ordered and the findings and results of each.

(g) It indicates the initial diagnosis and the patient's initial reason for seeking the licensee's services.

(h) It indicates the medications prescribed, dispensed, or administered and the quantity and strength of each.

(i) It reflects the treatment performed or recommended.

(j) It documents the patient's progress during the course of treatment provided by the licensee. (Authorized by K.S.A. 74-1406; implementing K.S.A. 65-1436; effective May 1, 1988; amended Feb. 20, 2004.)

Board Honors Active Military Personnel



In honor of Memorial Day, the Board office would like to remind you that it waives all initial application and biennial license renewal fees for each applicant or licensee actively serving full-time in the armed forces. The Board adopted this fee policy many years ago due to the highly transitional nature of licensees in and around Fort Riley and Fort Leavenworth. This policy has helped hundreds of licensees save tens of thousands of dollars during the application and licensing process.

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Donna Thomas, D.D.S., and Susan Rodgers, R.D.H., Complete Board Terms

At its Board meeting on Friday, April 13, 2018, Donna Thomas, D.D.S., was recognized for her five years of service as a member of the Board. Dr. Thomas served as President and on the investigative committee. The committee is charged with reviewing hundreds of complaints, which includes proposing various corrective actions for alleged violations under the Dental Practices Act. As a highly active member, her input and expertise will be missed.

The Board also recognized Susan Rodgers, R.D.H., for serving the public as a dental hygiene member for eight years. Ms. Rodgers served on the investigative committee, as a clinical examiner for a regional testing agency, and Board liaison with both clinical and national dental hygiene committees. Thank you both!



Charles Squire, D.D.S., presents a plaque to Donna Thomas, D.D.S. (left).



Charles Squire, D.D.S., presents a plaque to Susan Rodgers, R.D.H. (right).

ADA Adopts Interim Opioids Prescribing Policy

The American Dental Association has issued a new interim policy on opioids, which supports prescription limits. The new policy, officially titled [Interim Board Policy on Opioid Prescribing](#), is believed to be one of the first of its kind from a major health organization.

In the interim policy, the Association says it supports the following:

Mandatory continuing education on prescribing opioids and other controlled substances.

Prescribing limits on opioid dosage and duration of no more than seven days for the treatment of acute pain, consistent with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's evidence-based guidelines.

Dentists registering with and utilizing prescription drug monitoring programs ([KTRACS](#)) to promote the appropriate use of opioids and deter misuse and abuse.

Governor's Task Force to Address Substance Use Disorders

Governor Jeff Colyer recently issued an [Executive Order](#) establishing a Task Force to Address Substance Use Disorders. As a result of increases in substance use disorders involving prescription drugs, including opioids, the Governor created the Task Force to seek cross-collaboration of state agencies, organizations, licensed professionals, emergency response personnel, and others with policy-making authority to address substance use disorders.

The Board's Executive Director, Lane Hemsley, has been appointed to the Task Force. The Task Force is charged with gathering information regarding substance use disorders, particularly regarding the growing number of opioid and heroin overdoses and the continued scourge of methamphetamine addiction. After analyzing data, the Task Force will examine best practices for prevention, treatment, and recovery of at-risk individuals through early detection and subsequently make recommendations to the Governor and Legislature.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTION: How long must a dentist maintain a patient's record?

ANSWER: 10 years after the date any professional service was provided. K.A.R. 71-1-15.

Future Board Meetings

Friday, August 10, 2018
Friday, November 16, 2018

All meetings held in Topeka.

