

Minnesota Board of Dentistry

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

Proposed Amendments to Permanent Rules Governing Nitrous Oxide and Infection Control, *Minnesota Rules* 3100.3600, 3100.5100, and 3100.6300; Revisor's ID Number 4424

Subject of Rules. The Minnesota Board of Dentistry requests comments on its proposed amendments to rules governing nitrous oxide and infection control. The Board is considering rule amendments in the following areas: provide more institutional options for dentists who need to complete the nitrous oxide course; and make the infection control course a mandatory requirement for each professional development cycle. In addition, there are various housekeeping changes in certain rules.

Persons Affected. The amendments to the rules would affect dentists, dental therapists, dental hygienists, and dental assistants.

Statutory Authority. *Minnesota Statutes*, section 150A.04, subdivision 5, authorizes the Board to adopt rules to carry out and make effective the provisions and purposes of sections 150A.01 to 150A.12, in accordance with Chapter 14.

Public Comment. Interested persons or groups may submit comments or information to the Board's contact person listed below on these possible rules in writing until 4:30 p.m. on October 21, 2016. The contact person shall direct all comments to the Board's Executive Committee for review. Any open meetings held by the Board's Executive Committee will be properly announced to the public prior to the meeting.

Rules Draft. The Minnesota Board of Dentistry has prepared and posted a draft of the possible rule changes on the Board's official website. The website address is www.mn.gov/boards/dentistry. Persons interested in a paper copy of the draft rule changes should contact the Board's contact person directly.

Board Contact Person. Written comments, questions, and requests for more information on these possible rules should be directed to: Kathy Johnson at Minnesota Board of Dentistry, University Park Plaza, 2829 University Avenue SE, Suite 450, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55414-3249, **phone:** (612) 548-2134 or (888) 240-4762 (outside metro), **FAX:** (612) 617-2260, or directed by **e-mail:** kathy.t.johnson@state.mn.us. Minnesota Relay Service for hearing impaired: (800) 627-3529.

Alternative Format. Upon request, this information can be made available in an alternative format, such as large print, Braille, or audio. To make such a request, please contact the Board contact person at the address or telephone number listed above.

NOTE: Comments received in response to this notice will not necessarily be included in the formal rulemaking record submitted to the Administrative Law Judge if and when a proceeding to adopt rules is started. The Board is required to submit to the Judge only those written comments received in response to the rules after they are proposed. If you submit comments during the development of the rules and you want to ensure that the Administrative Law Judge reviews the comments, you should resubmit the comments after the rules are formally proposed.

Dated: August 10, 2016

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