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Here Are Some 2024 Regulatory Reminders to Note

Dentists are required to comply with many regulations, whether they're employees or business owners. Keeping track of these regulations can be

challenging, and simple mistakes could have disruptive consequences on your ability to practice. Here are some key regulations to keep track of.

Licensing: Dentists, registered dental hygienists, and registered dental assistants are required to complete continuing education to renew their licenses every three years. Licensed professionals can check their licensure status and expiration dates and submit applications for renewal through the Michigan Board of Dentistry website. Note that licensing is wholly controlled by the Michigan Board of Dentistry and the Michigan Dental Association is not able to check the status of or expedite licensure applications. The Board of Dentistry can help answer questions through the initial licensure and renewal process at BPLHelp@Michigan.gov. All the CE requirements, plus a large number of approved courses, can be found at michigandental.org/CE-Courses.

Amalgam separator renewal: In July 2017, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency enacted regulations that required all dental offices to install amalgam separators to mitigate the discharge of mercury into local water supplies. All offices in existence prior to July 2017 were required to submit one-time compliance reports to the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy or their local wastewater utility, depending on their location. Any practice opened after July 2017 was required to submit the one-time compliance report within 90 days of discharging wastewater. By now, every dental office in Michigan should be in compliance with these requirements.

However, the regulation states an amalgam separator may be operated for 10 years or their lifetime, as established by the manufacturer, whichever comes first. Depending on when your practice installed an amalgam separator, your practice may be required to replace your amalgam separator soon. The MDA recommends con-

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tacting the manufacturer of your amalgam separator to determine the lifespan of their product and to verify that you are within 10 years of installation. If you are required to replace your amalgam separator, you will have to submit a new one-time compliance report for that device. MDA staff can help ensure that you're filing the correct report with the proper authority. For assistance, please email Neema Katibai, manager of government and insurance affairs, at nkatibai@michigandental.org.

Electronic prescribing: As of Jan. 1, 2023, Michigan required all prescribers to submit prescriptions via a HIPAA-compliant electronic platform, which does not include fax, telephone, or email. Confirming that your electronic prescribing software subscription is active can help avoid unexpected prescribing issues. If you are looking for an electronic prescribing software, contact iCoreRx, an MDA-endorsed vendor, at 888-810-7706 to learn more about their product and the discounts available to MDA members.

Dentists may also apply for a waiver from this exemption through the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs. For information about waiver eligibility and directions to submit an application, please visit the Electronic Prescribing page in the Practice Management section of MichiganDental.org.

Beneficial Ownership Information reporting: The Corporate Transparency Act, enacted by Congress in 2021, requires certain businesses to report information about corporate ownership and control to the U.S. Department of Treasury Financial Crimes Enforcement Unit. This law was passed as a measure against the use of corporate entities for money laundering. Dental practices that employ more than 20 full time employees and generating gross annual receipts or sales greater than \$5 mil-

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and issues to the dental school's faculty and administration. In addition, Scott is on the executive board of the Student National Dental Association and is responsible for its social media outreach. She's also interested in volunteering for the MDA Foundation's Mission of Mercy in Flint this June and wants to help spread the word about the need for volunteers among her classmates.

Although Scott first fell in love with dentistry due to her experience in an orthodontist's office, she plans to work in general dentistry because she likes the variety of challenges it presents. After completing dental school, she's determined to work in an underserved area.

"When I was a dental assistant, I worked in two offices," she said. "One was in an underserved area that accepted Medicaid, the other was in a nice area of Dallas and didn't accept Medicaid. I saw the difference and was glad that I got to see it first-hand. I know want an office in an area that can help the underserved. It would be nice to go back to Texas where my family is, but I am open to what comes next."

The 2023 round of scholarships awarded by the MDA Foundation totaled \$31,000, more than twice the amount awarded in 2022. You can read more about our scholarship recipients on Page 13 of this issue. It is the generosity of MDA-member donors that enabled us to significantly boost scholarship values in 2023. Please continue to support the future of dentistry by donating to the MDA Foundation — thank you. ●

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lion are exempt from this requirement. Dental practices that do not meet these standards are required to submit a Beneficial Ownership Information report.

Impacted dental practices are required to file their initial report by Jan. 1, 2025. To submit a BOI report, which is free, visit fincen.gov/boi. Additionally, the ADA has created a Frequently Asked Questions document that can be found by searching "Corporate Transparency Act" on ada.org. The ADA FAQ document will be updated with any changes or additional information. ●

Please note that these are not all of the regulatory requirements with which a dentist may be required to comply.

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