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What Is the Beneficial Ownership Information Report?

Question: A colleague mentioned a new federal report that practice owners are required to submit. I'm not aware of this. Do you know what

my colleague might have been referring to and how to find out more information?

Answer: Your colleague was likely referencing the Beneficial Ownership Information Report required by the Corporate Transparency Act, which was passed by Congress as a measure against the use of corporate entities for money laundering. It applies to dental practices with 20 or fewer full-time employees and less than \$5 million in gross annual receipts or sales. The report must be filed by Jan. 1, 2025, so you still have some time to send it in. To submit your BOI report, visit finccn.gov/boi. The good news is that the report is free and will likely take you less than 20 minutes to complete. If you're looking for more information about the Corporate Transparency Act, visit the ADA website.

Question: Where can I find more information about MIOSHA regulations and how they apply to the dental practice?

Answer: The MDA has a Practice Management page on its website (michigandental.org) that includes a valuable section with compliance information about OSHA and MIOSHA. Information on the website includes a link to a free webinar, an FAQ sheet, plus information on record retention, bloodborne pathogens, needlestick protocol, hepatitis B, and more. Additional questions about OSHA/MIOSHA compliance may be directed to Kesha Dixon at 517-346-9452, or at kdixon@michigandental.org. Also, the MDA endorses Eagle Associates to provide members with assistance on regulatory compliance; information on Eagle Associates is also available in the regulatory compliance area of the website under "MDA-Endorsed Compliance."

Question: I recently had someone questioning which

functions a dental assistant can perform. I admit I'm not sure. What information does the MDA have to help me answer the questions I'm getting?

Answer: Happy you asked! Last fall the MDA updated its Delegation of Duties Chart, which details the functions that can be performed by unregistered dental auxiliaries, registered dental assistants, and registered dental hygienists. The chart was revised after changes were made in 2023 by the Michigan Board of Dentistry. The MDA's color-coded and easy-to-read chart details the functions outlined by the Michigan Board of Dentistry and indicates whether a function may be performed under direct or general supervision, assignment, or may not be performed. A printed copy of the chart was inserted with last month's *Journal*. A PDF copy can be downloaded for free anytime on the MDA web store at store.michigandental.org. You can also order an extra copy or copies of the printed chart at the MDA Store, at no charge. This is a handy chart and it's a valuable educational tool for everyone in the dental office, so you are encouraged to post it.

Question: A patient whom I recently saw mentioned she saw a video online and recognized the MDA logo from the sticker on my office window. She's a new mom and said the video was about infant oral health. I'd like to see the video. Where can I find the video she was talking about?

Answer: The video she mentioned was a paid advertisement by the MDA. The video and information about infant oral health can be found on the MDA's public website, located at smilemichigan.com. In addition to that topic, there are videos and resources about a variety of other oral health issues including mental health, diabetes, Alzheimer's, heart disease and much more. The smilemichigan.com page is also where the public can search for a dentist. If you have questions about these resources or how to use them to educate your patients, contact Rich Evans, MDA director of marketing and communications, at 517-346-9412 or at revans@michigandental.org. ●