



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2013 Wisconsin Act 244
[2013 Senate Bill 573]

**Regulation of Mobile Dentistry
Programs**

2013 Wisconsin Act 244 creates a framework for the Dentistry Examining Board (DEB) to regulate “mobile dentistry programs,” as follows.

Registration

Under the Act, no person may own or operate a mobile dentistry program in this state unless the person is registered with the state. DEB may grant a registration to a person who does all of the following:

- Submits an application for registration to the Department of Safety and Professional Services (DSPS) on a form provided by DSPS. The application must include the person’s name and tax identification number, the person’s business address and telephone number, and any other information DSPS or DEB requires.
- Pays a fee.
- Satisfies any other requirements DEB has established by rule.

A mobile dentistry program registration must be renewed October 1 of each odd-numbered year.

Rule-Making

The Act directs DEB to promulgate rules that do all of the following:

- Require a mobile dentistry program to establish procedures for a patient treated in the mobile dentistry program to access his or her patient records.

This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature’s Web site at: <http://www.legis.wisconsin.gov>.

- Establish standards of conduct for the operation of a mobile dentistry program in this state, the provision of dental services through a mobile dentistry program, and the use of portable dental equipment.
- Define “mobile dentistry program” and the activities that constitute the operation of a mobile dentistry program for purposes of the registration requirement.

Enforcement

The Act authorizes DEB to investigate and conduct hearings on the conduct of mobile dentistry registrants, and to discipline and assess forfeitures against mobile dentistry registrants in essentially the same manner as it may discipline and assess forfeitures against dentists, dental hygienists, and others engaged in the practice of dentistry under current law.

Effective date: The rule-making requirements of Act 244 took effect on April 10, 2014. All other provisions of the Act take effect on the first day of the third month beginning after the publication of the rules that the Act requires the DEB to promulgate.

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