

STATE OF WISCONSIN  
DENTISTRY EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF RULE-MAKING PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE  
DENTISTRY EXAMINING BOARD

ORDER OF THE DENTISTRY EXAMINING BOARD  
ADOPTING RULES  
(CLEARINGHOUSE RULE 17-044)

ORDER

An order of the Dentistry Examining Board to create DE 13.03 (1m) relating to designating continuing education on the topic of prescribing controlled substances.

Analysis prepared by the Department of Safety and Professional Services.

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ANALYSIS

**Statutes interpreted:** s. 447.056, Stats.

**Statutory authority:** ss. 15.08 (5) (b) and 447.02 (1) (f), Stats.

**Explanation of agency authority:**

15.08 (5) (b) Each Examining Board shall promulgate rules for its own guidance and for the guidance of the trade or profession to which it pertains, and define and enforce professional conduct and unethical practices not inconsistent with the law relating to the particular trade or profession.

447.02 (1) (f) The examining board may promulgate rules governing compliance with continuing education requirements under s. 447.056.

**Related statute or rule:** ch. DE 13, Wis. Admin. Code

**Plain language analysis:**

Dentists are required to complete 30 credit hours of continuing education every biennium. This rule will require 2 credit hours, of the 30 credit hours, to be in the topic of responsible prescribing of controlled substances for the treatment of acute dental pain. This requirement will be in place for the next two bienniums.

**Summary of, and comparison with, existing or proposed federal regulation:** None

**Comparison with rules in adjacent states:**

**Illinois:** Illinois does not require continuing education in the topic of responsible prescribing of controlled substances for the treatment of acute dental pain or in a topic which is substantially equivalent.

**Iowa:** Iowa does not require continuing education in the topic of responsible prescribing of controlled substances for the treatment of acute dental pain or in a topic which is substantially equivalent.

**Michigan:** Michigan requires 3 continuing education credits, in each 3 year renewal period, in pain and symptom management, which may include courses in behavior management, psychology of pain, pharmacology, behavior medication, stress management, clinical applications and drug interactions.

**Minnesota:** Minnesota does not require continuing education in the topic of responsible prescribing of controlled substances for the treatment of acute dental pain or in a topic which is substantially equivalent.

**Summary of factual data and analytical methodologies:**

The Dentistry Examining Board is responding to the current opioid epidemic. The Dentistry Examining Board considered the approaches of the Medical Examining Board and the Board of Nursing relating to specific required continuing education addressing the prescribing of controlled substances. In addition, the Dentistry Examining Board evaluated how to best achieve the goal of continuing education on this topic without creating a burden on the dentist.

**Analysis and supporting documents used to determine effect on small business or in preparation of economic impact analysis:**

The rule was posted for economic comments and none were received. The rule does not change the number of continuing education credits required, therefore, it has a neutral fiscal impact on licensees.

**Fiscal Estimate and Economic Impact Analysis:**

The Fiscal Estimate and Economic Impact Analysis is attached.

**Effect on small business:**

These proposed rules do not have an economic impact on small businesses, as defined in s. 227.114 (1), Stats. The Department's Regulatory Review Coordinator may be contacted by email at [Kirsten.Reader@wisconsin.gov](mailto:Kirsten.Reader@wisconsin.gov), or by calling (608) 267-2435.

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TEXT OF RULE

SECTION 1. DE 13.03 (1m) is created to read:

DE 13.03 (1m) RESPONSIBLE PRESCRIBING CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES CONTINUING EDUCATION The 30 credit hours of continuing education shall include 2 hours in the topic of responsible prescribing of controlled substances for the treatment of acute dental pain. This subsection applies to the bienniums ending in 2019 and 2021.

SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. The rules adopted in this order shall take effect on the first day of the month following publication in the Wisconsin Administrative Register, pursuant to s. 227.22 (2) (intro.), Stats.

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(END OF TEXT OF RULE)  
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