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BODEX UPDATE

The 2015 legislative session adjourned on April 3, 2015. Several new laws and amendments to existing statutes will require significant Board resources to implement. The major changes include the addition to the Dental Practice Act of Extended Dental Function Assistants and the requirement for fingerprint clearance cards for new license applicants, and a requirement that the Board report information to the Arizona Pharmacy Board relative to the controlled substances prescription monitoring program. Additionally, the Legislature included some last-minute revisions to the Board's Omnibus Bill (HB 2496) to require that the Board post all non-disciplinary Board actions and audio recordings of Board meetings on the Board's website. A summary of legislative changes will be available on the Board's website.

On a positive note, the Governor signed the Board's continuation bill continuing the Board for another eight years. The Auditor General is currently completing its six-month follow-up from its recent performance audit and is preparing to visit the Agency again for a financial performance audit. These activities in addition to recent media attention and license renewals keep the Dental Board staff challenged!

At the April 10, 21015 meeting, Board actions included the following:

- Accepted two voluntary license surrenders.
- Approved one disciplinary consent agreement which included a practice restriction and six hours of continuing education (CE) in differential diagnosis of oral infections and six hours of CE in record keeping.
- Approved three non-disciplinary consent agreements, which included CE in record keeping, diagnosis and treatment planning of periodontal disease, and one which crown and bridge (which must include crown lengthening).
- Approved six letters of concern; three of which were a result of CE audits. The other three address the following conduct:

Dr. Wildcat should never allow assistants to cement permanent crowns, should document who saw the patient, should not leave progress note templates blank and should record the number of carpules of local anesthetic used.

Dr. Sundevil should document any changes in the treatment plan requested by the patient.

Dr. Wildcard should be diligent in monitoring and correcting inaccurate advertising about her credentials.

- Conducted four formal interviews resulting in the following actions:

Case A: Six hours of non-disciplinary CE in record keeping;

Case B: 24 hours of disciplinary CE in hands on implant treatment planning and placement in a dental school setting; six hours of continuing education in record keeping; quarterly monitoring of records for two years; two years' probation and restriction of practice of placing implants until CE is complete;

Case C: Six hours of disciplinary CE in crown and bridge;

Case D: \$1,000 administrative penalty and referral to formal hearing for revocation (this formal interview involved two separate cases against the same licensee).

As part of the Board's complaint process, many licensees are offered a consent agreement following the Board's investigation of a complaint. If the licensee chooses not to accept a consent agreement, they are invited for a formal interview before the full Board at a regularly scheduled Board meeting. Board meetings are conducted in public in compliance with the Open Meeting Law.

In closing, special thanks to our Board consultants who assist in the complaint investigation process and to our anesthesia permit evaluators. We appreciate your contributions!