

**FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT
FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES**

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Phone:	225-219-7330	Office:	Board of Dentistry LAC 46:XXXIII.1611 "Continuing Education Requirements for Relicensure of Dentists" & .1613 "Continuing Education Requirements for Relicensure of Dental Hygienists"
Return Address:	P.O. Box 5256 Baton Rouge, LA 70821	Rule Title:	Dental Hygienists"
		Date Rule Takes Effect:	Upon Promulgation

SUMMARY
(Use complete sentences)

In accordance with Section 961 of Title 49 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes, there is hereby submitted a fiscal and economic impact statement on the rule proposed for adoption, repeal or amendment. THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS SUMMARIZE ATTACHED WORKSHEETS, I THROUGH IV AND WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE LOUISIANA REGISTER WITH THE PROPOSED AGENCY RULE.

I. ESTIMATED IMPLEMENTATION COSTS (SAVINGS) TO STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

The proposed rule change may require a minimal increase in workload due to the administrative tracking, including updating continuing education (CE) documents and renewal instructions and verifying Medical Review Panel (MRP) participation when auditing CEs. The Louisiana State Board of Dentistry expects to incur a one-time cost of approximately \$500 in FY 2026 for notice and publication of the rule in the *Louisiana Register*. The Legislative Fiscal Office anticipates the minimal workload increase and one-time payment for publication will be absorbed with existing resources.

II. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

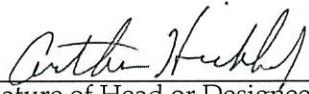
The proposed rule changes are not anticipated to impact the revenue collections of state or local governmental units.

III. ESTIMATED COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS, SMALL BUSINESSES, OR NON-GOVERNMENTAL GROUPS (Summary)

The proposed rule changes provide an economic benefit by encouraging qualified dentists and dental hygienists to participate in Medical Review Panels. Incentivizing the professionals with continuing education credit may improve panel availability and reduce delays in medical malpractice reviews.

IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

The proposed rule change will have no effect on competition or employment.



Signature of Head or Designee

Arthur Hickham

Typed Name & Title of Agency Head or Designee

2/3/26

Date of Signature



Legislative Fiscal Officer or Designee

2/4/26

Date of Signature

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The following information is required in order to assist the Legislative Fiscal Office in its review of the fiscal and economic impact statement and to assist the appropriate legislative oversight subcommittee in its deliberation on the proposed rule.

- A. Provide a brief summary of the content of the rule (if proposed for adoption, or repeal) or a brief summary of the change in the rule (if proposed for amendment). Attach a copy of the notice of intent and a copy of the rule proposed for initial adoption or repeal (or, in the case of a rule change, copies of both the current and proposed rules with amended portions indicated).

LAC 46:XXXIII.1611 "Continuing Education Requirements for Relicensure of Dentists" – The Louisiana State Board of Dentistry is amending this rule to allow dentists to receive 3.5 hours of personally attended clinical continuing education for serving on a Medical Review Panel but not to exceed 7 hours annually.

LAC 46:XXXIII.1613 "Continuing Education Requirements for Relicensure of Dental Hygienists" – The Louisiana State Board of Dentistry is amending this rule to allow dental hygienists to receive 3.5 hours of personally attended clinical continuing education for serving on a Medical Review Panel but not to exceed 7 hours annually.

- B. Summarize the circumstances, which require this action. If the Action is required by federal regulation, attach a copy of the applicable regulation.

LAC 46:XXXIII.1611 "Continuing Education Requirements for Relicensure of Dentists" – The Louisiana State Board of Dentistry is amending this rule because it has come to the Board's attention that serving on a Medical Review Panel is an educational experience and because the Board of Medical Examiners is in the process of passing a virtually identical rule for physician continuing education requirements. This keeps the Medical Board and the Dental Board on the same page regarding Medical Review Panels, which is very useful given that Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons had both medical and dental licenses.

LAC 46:XXXIII.1613 "Continuing Education Requirements for Relicensure of Dental Hygienists" – The Louisiana State Board of Dentistry is amending this rule because it has come to the Board's attention that serving on a Medical Review Panel is an educational experience and because the Board of Medical Examiners is in the process of passing a virtually identical rule for physician continuing education requirements.

- C. Compliance with Act 11 of the 1986 First Extraordinary Session

- (1) Will the proposed rule change result in any increase in the expenditure of funds? If so, specify amount and source of funding.

The proposed rule revision will not require any additional funding or expenditure of funds.

- (2) If the answer to (1) above is yes, has the Legislature specifically appropriated the funds necessary for the associated expenditure increase?

(a) _____ YES. If yes, attach documentation.

(b) X _____ NO. If no, provide justification as to why this rule change should be published at this time

The Louisiana State Board of Dentistry operates on self-generated funds and receives no money from the legislature.

**FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT
WORKSHEET**

I. A. COSTS OR SAVINGS TO STATE AGENCIES RESULTING FROM THE ACTION PROPOSED

1. What is the anticipated increase (decrease) in costs to implement the proposed action?

COSTS	FY 26	FY 27	FY 28
PERSONAL SERVICES	\$0	\$0	\$0
OPERATING EXPENSES	\$500	\$0	\$0
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$0	\$0	\$0
OTHER CHARGES	\$0	\$0	\$0
EQUIPMENT	\$0	\$0	\$0
MAJOR REPAIR & CONSTR.	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL	\$500	\$0	\$0
POSITIONS (#)	0	0	0

2. Provide a narrative explanation of the costs or savings shown in "A. 1.", including the increase or reduction in workload or additional paperwork (number of new forms, additional documentation, etc.) anticipated as a result of the implementation of the proposed action. Describe all data, assumptions, and methods used in calculating these costs.

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3. Sources of funding for implementing the proposed rule or rule change.

SOURCE	FY 26	FY 27	FY 28
STATE GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$0	\$0
AGENCY SELF-GENERATED	\$500	\$0	\$0
DEDICATED	\$0	\$0	\$0
FEDERAL FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0
OTHER (Specify)	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL	\$500	\$0	\$0

4. Does your agency currently have sufficient funds to implement the proposed action? If not, how and when do you anticipate obtaining such funds?

The Louisiana Board of Dentistry has sufficient funds to implement these rule changes.

B. COST OR SAVINGS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS RESULTING FROM THE ACTION PROPOSED.

1. Provide an estimate of the anticipated impact of the proposed action on local governmental units, including adjustments in workload and paperwork requirements. Describe all data, assumptions and methods used in calculating this impact.

The proposed rule changes are not anticipated to result in any costs or savings for local governmental units.

2. Indicate the sources of funding of the local governmental unit, which will be affected by these costs or savings.

The proposed rule change will not impact sources of funding of local governmental units.

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II. EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS

A. What increase (decrease) in revenues can be anticipated from the proposed action?

REVENUE INCREASE/DECREASE	FY 26	FY 27	FY 28
STATE GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$0	\$0
AGENCY SELF-GENERATED	\$0	\$0	\$0
DEDICATED	\$0	\$0	\$0
FEDERAL FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0
LOCAL FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$0

*Specify the particular fund being impacted.

B. Provide a narrative explanation of each increase or decrease in revenues shown in "A." Describe all data, assumptions, and methods used in calculating these increases or decreases.

The proposed rule changes will not affect revenue collections for state or local governmental units.

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III. COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS, SMALL BUSINESSES, OR NONGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS

- A. What persons, small businesses, or non-governmental groups would be directly affected by the proposed action? For each, provide an estimate and a narrative description of any effect on costs, including workload adjustments and additional paperwork (number of new forms, additional documentation, etc.), they may have to incur as a result of the proposed action.

The proposed rule changes provide an economic benefit by encouraging qualified dentists and dental hygienists to participate in Medical Review Panels (MRPs). Incentivizing the professionals with continuing education (CE) credit may improve panel availability and reduce delays in medical malpractice reviews.

- B. Also provide an estimate and a narrative description of any impact on receipts and/or income resulting from this rule or rule change to these groups.

The proposed rule change will not have an effect on receipts or income.

IV. EFFECTS ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT

Identify and provide estimates of the impact of the proposed action on competition and employment in the public and private sectors. Include a summary of any data, assumptions and methods used in making these estimates.

The proposed rule change will have no effect on competition or employment.