

BEFORE THE BOARD OF DENTISTRY  
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY  
STATE OF MONTANA

In the matter of the amendment of ARM ) NOTICE OF AMENDMENT  
24.138.402 fee schedule, 24.138.504 )  
approved clinical exam criteria for )  
dentists and dental hygienists, and )  
24.138.508 dental hygiene local )  
anesthetic agent certification )

TO: All Concerned Persons

1. On November 5, 2021, the Board of Dentistry (board) published MAR Notice No. 24-138-81 regarding the public hearing on the proposed amendment of the above-stated rules, at page 1472 of the 2021 Montana Administrative Register, Issue No. 21.

2. On November 30, 2021, a public hearing was held on the proposed amendment of the above-stated rules via the videoconference and telephonic platform. Comments were received by the December 3, 2021, deadline.

3. The board has thoroughly considered the comments received. A summary of the comments and the board responses are as follows:

COMMENT 1: Several commenters supported a fee reduction, but suggested the board reduce hygienists' and dentists' renewal fees by either the same percentage or switch the percentage reductions between license type.

RESPONSE 1: Following consideration of all comments and due to concerns raised by the commenters, the board is not proceeding with the proposed changes to ARM 24.138.402. The board will conduct further discussions to address the issues raised.

4. The board has amended ARM 24.138.504 and 24.138.508 as proposed.

5. The board has not amended ARM 24.138.402.

BOARD OF DENTISTRY  
LESLIE HAYES, DDS  
PRESIDENT

/s/ DARCEE L. MOE  
Darcee L. Moe  
Rule Reviewer

/s/ LAURIE ESAU  
Laurie Esau, Commissioner  
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY

Certified to the Secretary of State January 4, 2022.