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**BOARD OF DENTISTRY
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY**

NOTICE OF ADOPTION

MAR NOTICE NO. 2025-273.2

Summary

Legislative Implementation of House Bills 246, 321, and 584

Previous Notice(s) and Hearing Information

On October 10, 2025, the Board of Dentistry (agency) published MAR Notice No. 2025-273.1 regarding the public hearing on the proposed changes to the agency's rules, in the 2025 Montana Administrative Register, Issue No. 19.

On November 3, 2025, a public hearing was held on the proposed changes to the rules via the videoconference and telephonic platform. Comments were received by the comment deadline.

Final Rulemaking Action – Effective December 20, 2025

ADOPT AS PROPOSED

The agency has adopted the following rule as proposed:

NEW RULE 1 (24.138.520) SUBSTANTIAL EQUIVALENCY

AMEND AS PROPOSED

The agency has amended the following rules as proposed:

24.138.301 DEFINITIONS

24.138.425 LIMITED ACCESS PERMIT TREATMENT GUIDELINES—PRACTICING UNDER PUBLIC HEALTH SUPERVISION

24.138.509 DENTAL HYGIENE LIMITED ACCESS PERMIT

24.138.3221 MINIMUM QUALIFYING STANDARDS

24.138.3227 ONSITE INSPECTION OF PERMIT HOLDERS

Statement of Reasons

The agency has considered the comments and testimony received. A summary of the comments received, and the agency's responses are as follows:

Comment 1: Several commenters expressed support for the proposed rules, indicating the commenters believe the rules comply with the statutes as set forth by the legislature, especially the school-based oral health programs.

Response 1: The board appreciates all comments received during the rulemaking process.

Comment 2: Numerous commenters expressed full support for the board's proposed changes.

Response 2: The board appreciates all comments received during the rulemaking process.

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