

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

In the matter of the amendment of) NOTICE OF AMENDMENT AND
ARM 24.138.504 approved clinical) ADOPTION
exam criteria for dentists and dental)
hygienists, 24.138.3102 specialty)
advertising, and the adoption of New)
Rule I dental hygienists – temporary)
practice permits)

TO: All Concerned Persons

1. On July 10, 2020, the Board of Dentistry published MAR Notice No. 24-138-78 regarding the public hearing on the proposed amendment and adoption of the above-stated rules, at page 1268 of the 2020 Montana Administrative Register, Issue No. 13.

2. On July 31, 2020, a public hearing was held on the proposed amendment and adoption of the above-stated rules in Helena. One comment was received by the August 7, 2020 deadline.

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

COMMENT 1: Several commenters requested the board consider accepting the ADEX manikin exam for both 2020 dental graduates and dental hygiene graduates.

RESPONSE 1: The board appreciates all comments received in the rulemaking process and will be evaluating and potentially addressing the addition of other exams in a future rules project. Regarding dental hygienists, the board is adopting NEW RULE I to provide immediate licensure relief via temporary permits for hygienists awaiting their examinations. The board believes that a clinical patient-based examination for hygienist applicants is required to ensure public safety.

4. The board has amended ARM 24.138.504 and 24.138.3102 exactly as proposed.

5. The board has adopted New Rule I (24.138.513) exactly as proposed.

BOARD OF DENTISTRY
AIMEE AMELINE, DDS
PRESIDENT

/s/ DARCEE L. MOE
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Rule Reviewer

/s/ BRENDA NORDLUND
Brenda Nordlund, Acting Commissioner
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY

Certified to the Secretary of State August 18, 2020.