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## Continuing Education Changes

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The West Virginia Board of Dentistry recently finalized the Continuing Education rule (5CSR11), which had been undergoing the legislative rule-making process. The rule was bundled into Senate Bill 369 along with other rules. This Bill passed on April 4, 2025, and was signed by Governor Morrisey on April 29, 2025.

On May 6, 2025, the Board filed the final version of the rule with the Secretary of State's office with an effective date of May 6, 2025.

The following changes were made to these rules.

The biennial requirement of continuing education regarding drug diversion training and best practice prescribing of controlled substance training and training on prescribing and administration of an opioid antagonist was **DELETED** from the rule for licensees, volunteer licensees and telehealth registrants. If you have already taken this course you can still count it towards your continuing education credits. Therefore, Drug Diversion waivers will no longer be required!

Drug diversion training is now an option for the two hour requirement. This section now reads as follows:

3.5.3. At least 2 hours of continuing education shall be related to any one or combination of the following subjects during each continuing education reporting period:

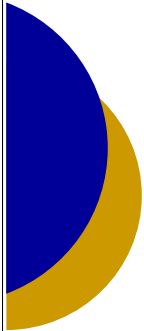
- 3.5.3.a. drug diversion training;
- 3.5.3.b. oral effects of tobacco use; or
- 3.5.3.c. oral effects of substance abuse.

All licensees are **NOW REQUIRED** to complete 2 hours of infection control training during each reporting period.

Language was added to this rule to include constituent or component societies of the American Dental Association, American Dental Hygienists' Association and the Academy of General Dentistry as approved continuing education providers or program sponsors. The American Association of Dental Boards was added to this list as well.

Other minor changes were made to the rule to accept continuing education from a successor agency in section 3.7.8.

The rule can be reviewed on the Board's website at [www.wvdentalboard.org](http://www.wvdentalboard.org). Click on Laws and Rules, and then click on Series 11.



## Teledentistry & Anesthetic Bills Signed by the Governor

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Senate Bills 710 & 810 were passed by the Legislature and signed by Governor Morrisey.

Senate Bill 710 will be effective July 11, 2025. This Bill sets forth requirements for teledentistry; including but not limited to: the standard of care, requirements for the provider-patient relationship and the exception for the same in teledentistry, required disclosures, informed consent, privacy requirements, and disciplinary proceedings and procedures. This Bill can be reviewed at the Legislative website.

Senate Bill 810 clarifies requirements for administration of anesthesia by certain licensed nurses. This new law goes into effect on July 7, 2025. It allows certified nurse anesthetist to administer anesthesia in cooperation with a physician, dentist or podiatrist when providing anesthesia. This means the CRNA will work with one of the other named providers as a team with each contributing in their area of expertise. A dentist may cooperate with a CRNA under this new law only if he or she holds an anesthesia permit pursuant to Article §30-4A-1 *et seq* of the West Virginia Code. This Bill can be reviewed at the Legislative website.

## Mobile Dental Facilities & Portable Dental Unit Rule Changes

In addition to the Continuing Education rules, the Mobile Dental Facilities & Portable Dental Unit rule had changes made through the legislative process. This rule was in the bundle bill approved by the Governor on April 29, 2025.

On May 6, 2025, the Board filed the final version of this rule with the Secretary of State's Office with an effective date of May 6, 2025.

The legislation added a sunset provision making the expiration date of the rule August 1, 2035.

The requirement of a lead apron and thyroid collar was removed from the rule. However, the rule of the Radiological Health Program still requires the use of them.

The requirement of emergency drugs and equipment was added. This is the same list adopted and located on the Board's website. This list is updated when required.

Patient records and diagnostic quality x-rays are now required to be provided to a subsequent treating dentist upon request or no later than 10 days from the request. This requirement is for any operator or licensee working in a mobile dental facility or with a portable dental unit.