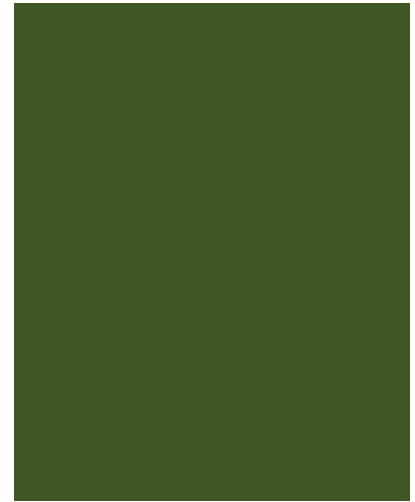


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Director's Message



Denny Hydrick

As the Executive Director of the Mississippi State Board of Dental Examiners, it is an honor to serve alongside dedicated dental professionals who are committed to protecting the public and supporting the dental profession across our state. I am proud of the important progress we are making together to improve access to care while maintaining the high standards our patients expect and deserve.

One of the most significant recent changes has been the implementation of general supervision for dental hygienists under the amended Miss. Code §73-9-5. This advancement represents a major step forward in expanding oral healthcare access throughout Mississippi, particularly in underserved and rural communities.

As we approach the 2026–2028 license renewal season, I encourage all dental hygienists and radiology permit holders to prepare early and stay informed regarding renewal requirements and continuing education obligations.

I also want to remind licensees of the Board's continuing education audit process. Maintaining accurate CE documentation is an important professional responsibility and helps ensure continued competency within our profession. While use of [CE Broker](#) remains optional, many licensees find it to be a helpful tool for organizing and storing CE records in the event they are selected for audit.

The Board remains committed to transparency, fairness, and public protection while supporting the professionals who work tirelessly to provide quality oral healthcare throughout Mississippi. On behalf of the Board, thank you for your continued dedication to your patients, your communities, and the profession of dentistry and dental hygiene.

Scam Alert:

Fraudsters Targeting Dental Professionals

Dentists in Mississippi and across the country are increasingly being targeted by sophisticated scam callers posing as government agencies, law enforcement officials, or even state dental boards. These scams are designed to create panic and pressure dental professionals into sending money or disclosing sensitive information.

Common scams include claims that a licensee is under investigation; their DEA registration has been suspended; they have a licensing violation; or claims an arrest is imminent. In many cases, scammers use “spoofed” phone numbers that appear legitimate on caller ID, making the calls seem authentic.

Scammers often rely on urgency and intimidation. They may demand immediate payment through wire transfers, gift cards, cryptocurrency, or electronic payment apps. Some callers may also request Social Security numbers, DEA numbers, license information, or banking details.

Dental professionals should remember that legitimate government agencies including the Mississippi State Board of Dental Examiners do not demand immediate payment over the phone, threaten arrest, or initiate disciplinary action during unsolicited calls. If a suspicious call is received, do not provide personal or financial information. Instead, hang up and independently contact the agency or organization using an official phone number listed on the agency's website.

Practices are encouraged to educate office staff about these scams since front office personnel are often the first point of contact. Maintaining awareness and verifying suspicious communications can help prevent financial loss and protect sensitive professional information. A Mississippi licensee may contact the Mississippi State Board of Dental Examiners' staff at any time if he or she has a concern about the legitimacy of a call received.

2026 Calendar

July 24th - MSBDE Board Meeting

September 1st - Biennial renewal cycle for all dental hygiene licenses begins

October 23rd - MSBDE Board Meeting

October 31st – End of the biennial renewal cycle for dental hygienists without late penalties

November 1st - Begins the 60-day biennial renewal for dental hygienists with late penalties

December 31st - Last day to renew dental hygiene license

2026–2028 Renewal Fees

DENTAL HYGIENE LICENSE	\$200.00
Impaired Practitioner Fee	\$50.00
Local Anesthesia Permit	\$25.00
Hygiene Late Penalty 11/1 to 11/30	\$25.00
Hygiene Late Penalty 12/1 to 12/31	\$50.00
RADIOLOGY PERMITS	\$60.00
Radiology Permit Late Penalty 11/1 to 11/30	\$20.00
Radiology Permit Late Penalty 12/1 to 12/31	\$40.00

2026 Dental Hygiene License and Radiology Permit Renewals

Beginning September 1, 2026, renewals will open for all dental hygiene licenses, local anesthesia permits, and radiology permits through the Board’s online licensing system.

The renewal deadline is October 31, 2026. Late renewals submitted between November 1 and December 31, 2026, will incur a late fee.

Important reminders for the 2026–2028 renewal cycle:

- The Board has transitioned to a new licensing system. All providers must create a new account before renewing.
- All renewals and payments must be completed online through the Board’s licensing system.
- Licenses and permits not renewed by December 31, 2026, will be voided effective January 1, 2027.
- Voided licenses and permits will require Board-approved reinstatement applications.
- Licensees should update their contact information after creating an account.
- Licensees reporting fewer than three months of practice in both 2025 and 2026 will be placed on inactive status upon renewal. See [MSBDE Regulation 49](#) for additional information.

For renewal assistance, contact Board staff at (601) 944-9622 or by email at dental@dentalboard.ms.gov.



General Supervision

During the 2025 Legislative session, HB1062 was enacted, amending Miss. Code section 73-9-5. This law now allows Mississippi licensed dental hygienists to operate under the general supervision of a Mississippi licensed dentist, subject to specific restrictions. The new requirements took effect on July 1, 2025.

The Mississippi State Board of Dental Examiners has established a [Resource Page](#) on our website to assist dental hygienists in registering their eligibility to practice under general supervision. It also provides guidance for dentists on how to authorize eligible hygienists to work under the dentist's supervision.

Registration and Authorization Process

The process comprises two steps:

STEP ONE: Eligible dental hygienists must apply to the Board for registration of their eligibility.

STEP TWO: After determining eligibility, a Mississippi licensed dentist must authorize the eligible hygienist to practice under his or her general supervision.

Detailed instructions for this process are available on the [Resource Page](#). Both steps are to be completed using the Board's online licensing system. No paper applications are accepted.

Resources

Links to Board Resources:

[Board's Online Portal](#)

[Continuing Education Regulation](#)

[General Supervision](#)

[CPR Regulation](#)

[Sedation Facility Inspections](#)

[Board's Website](#)

2027 CE Audit

The 2027 Continuing Education Audit will include a random selection of 10% of active Mississippi **licensed dental hygienists**. Selection will occur during the 2026–2028 biennial dental hygiene license renewal process, and selected licensees will be notified by email when beginning their renewal application.

The audit, conducted in February 2027, will review continuing education hours completed between January 1, 2025, and December 31, 2026. Selected licensees will have until December 31, 2026, to complete any outstanding CE requirements. All CE certificates should be submitted through [CE Broker](#) by January 31, 2027.

For CE requirements, review Board [Regulation 41](#) and [Regulation 45](#).

A Note from Haley Birmingham

As the Dental Hygienist representative on the Mississippi State Board of Dental Examiners, it is truly an honor to serve and represent Mississippi's licensed dental hygienists.

With the dental hygiene license and radiology permit renewal season approaching, please watch for upcoming renewal emails and important updates. If you are selected for the 2027 CE audit, remember that you will have until December 31, 2026, to complete all required CE hours.

I also want to recognize the positive impact of the 2025 amendment to Miss. Code 73-9-5, which allows dental hygienists to practice under general supervision. This change has expanded access to oral health care and created new opportunities to better serve patients and communities throughout Mississippi.



Haley Harrison-Birmingham, RDH

REGULATION SPOTLIGHT

Bright Smiles, Clear Claims: A Guide to Advertising Compliance

Understanding Board Regulation 43: Advertising Requirements for Mississippi Dentists

The Mississippi State Board of Dental Examiners wishes to highlight the importance of compliance with Board Regulation 43, which governs advertising by licensed dentists in Mississippi. The regulation is designed to help protect the public from misleading or deceptive advertising while ensuring patients have access to accurate information when selecting a dental provider.

What Counts as Advertising?

Under the regulation, “advertising” includes any communication intended to attract public attention to a dentist’s practice. This can include signage, websites, social media posts, print advertisements, radio or television promotions, and other marketing materials.

Key Advertising Requirements

Dentists may advertise information about themselves, their practice, and fees for services, but advertisements must meet several important requirements:

- Advertisements must include the dentist’s full name and dental degree.
- If services are mentioned, the ad must identify the practitioner as practicing “general dentistry,” “general practice,” “family dentistry,” or an ADA-recognized specialty if the dentist has a specialty license in Mississippi.
- Dentists must be able to substantiate any factual claims made in advertisements if requested by the Board. Failure to do so may constitute unprofessional conduct.
- Copies of advertisements, including audio or video recordings of electronic media advertisements, must be retained for at least two years and provided to the Board upon request.

Fee Advertising

Advertisements that reference fees or “no-fee” services must clearly explain the service being offered. If additional charges could apply, the advertisement must include the disclaimer: *“Additional fees may be incurred in individual cases.”*

Prohibited Advertising Practices

The regulation prohibits any advertising that is false, misleading, deceptive, or likely to create unrealistic expectations. Examples of prohibited conduct include:

- Misrepresenting facts
- Making misleading partial disclosures
- Using exaggerated or self-laudatory statements
- Claiming superiority over other providers
- Creating unjustified expectations of results
- Exploiting patient fears
- Using patient information without consent
- Paying for undisclosed endorsements or referrals

Violations of these provisions may be considered unprofessional conduct and could result in disciplinary action by the Board. Licensees are encouraged to review their current advertising practices, including websites and social media content, to ensure continued compliance with [Regulation 43](#).



Activate your Propelus CE Broker® account

The official continuing education management system of the Mississippi State Board of Dental Examiners

Propelus CE Broker is the official partner of the Mississippi State Board of Dental Examiners for continuing education management. Through this partnership, you are provided with a free Basic Account to track your CE progress and report your hours.

Activate your CE Broker account

Your account is already configured with your specific license requirements.

- 1. Visit:** <https://propelus.com/covered-professionals>
- 2. Identify:** Enter your license number to activate your account.
- 3. Track:** View your course history, take board-accepted courses, and verify your status.

Use your *free* Basic account to confirm your CE records before you renew.



Permanent course History

View your official course record in one secure location. You can confirm that provider-reported credits have been logged accurately and verify your file is up to date.



Easy self-reporting

Missing a completion? You can easily self-report any credits that haven't been automatically reported to ensure your requirements are complete.



Board-accepted course search

Need hours? Visit our course search to fulfill your specific requirements. Look for the "Take it Here" tag for instant reporting.

Helpful Support Center

We are here to assist you with your renewal journey.

Access our digital **Help Center** 24/7 or contact our US-based support team via email or chat: Monday - Friday, 8AM - 8PM EST.

CPR – Regulation 45

MSBDE Regulation 45 requires all Mississippi dentists, dental hygienists, and dental auxiliary personnel actively practicing in the State to have a **current** certificate in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation.

During the 2026-2028 dental hygiene license and radiology permit renewal, all dental hygienists and radiology permit holders should be prepared to provide verification of current CPR certification when renewing. **ONLINE CPR COURSES ARE NOT ACCEPTED.**

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