

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT PROPOSED RULE TO THE GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF  
DENTISTRY RULES  
CHAPTER 150-5, RULE 150-5-.04 CPR REQUIREMENTS FOR DENTAL HYGIENISTS**

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the authority set forth below, the Georgia State Board of Dentistry (hereinafter "Board") proposes amendment to the Georgia Board of Dentistry Rules, Chapter 150-5-.04 CPR REQUIREMENTS FOR DENTAL HYGIENISTS (hereinafter "proposed amendments").

This notice, together with an exact copy of the proposed rule and a synopsis of the proposed rule, is being forwarded to all persons who have requested, in writing, that they be placed on an interested parties list. A copy of this notice, an exact copy of the proposed rule, and a synopsis of the proposed rule may be reviewed during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, except official State holidays, at the Department of Community Health at 2 Peachtree Street, NW., Atlanta, Georgia, 30303. These documents will also be available for review on the Georgia State Board of Dentistry's web page at <http://gbd.georgia.gov/>.

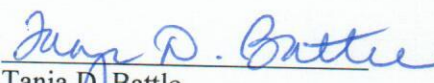
A public hearing is scheduled to begin at 9:30 AM on September 06, 2013 at the Department of Community Health at 2 Peachtree Street, NW., Atlanta, Georgia, 30303 to provide the public an opportunity to comment upon and provide input into the proposed rule. At the public hearing, anyone may present data, make a statement, comment or offer a viewpoint or argument whether orally or in writing. Lengthy statements or statements of a considerable technical or economic nature, as well as previously recorded messages, must be submitted for the official record. Oral statements should be concise and will be limited to 5 minutes per person. Additional comments should be presented in writing. Written comments are welcome. To ensure their consideration, written comments may be received prior to August 30, 2013. Written comments should be addressed to Executive Director of the Georgia State Board of Dentistry at 2 Peachtree Street NW., Atlanta, Georgia 30303 FAX:678-717-6435. You may email your comments to [tbattle@dch.ga.gov](mailto:tbattle@dch.ga.gov).

The proposed rule amendment will be considered for adoption by the Georgia State Board of Dentistry at its meeting scheduled to begin at 9:35 AM on September 6, 2013 at the at the Department of Community Health at 2 Peachtree Street, NW., Atlanta, Georgia, 30303. According to the Department of Law, State of Georgia, the Georgia State Board of Dentistry has the authority to adopt the proposed rule pursuant to authority contained in O.C.G.A §§ 43-11-7; 43-11-9; 43-11-73; 43-11-73.1

At its meeting on July 12, 2013 the Board voted that the formulation and adoption of this amendment do not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee and any cost to comply with the proposed rule cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of O.C.G.A §§ 43-11-7, 43-11-9. The formulation and adoption of this rule will impact every licensee in the same manner, and each licensee is independently licensed, owned and operated and dominant in the field of dentistry. For further information, contact the Board office at 404-651-8000.

This notice is given in compliance with O.C.G.A. §50-13-4.

This 31 day of July, 2013

  
Tanja D. Battle  
Executive Director  
Georgia Board of Pharmacy

Posted: July 31, 2013



**SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED RULE OF THE  
GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY RULES  
CHAPTER 150-5, RULE 150-5-.04 CPR REQUIREMENTS FOR DENTAL HYGIENISTS**

Purpose of Rule: The purpose of this rule is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public. At its meeting on July 12, 2013, the Board voted to adopt the proposed rule to provide dental hygienists with additional means by which to become CPR-certified.

Main Features: The main feature of this rule is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public by requiring all dental hygienists to become CPR-certified and maintain CPR-certification as a condition of active licensure.

**DIFFERENCES OF THE PROPOSED RULE FOR THE  
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NOTE: Struck through text is proposed to be deleted. Underlined text is proposed to be added.

**150-5-.04 CPR Requirements for Dental Hygienists.**

Dental hygienists shall maintain at all times during licensure and furnish to the Board, upon request, current certification in one and two rescuer CPR and management of obstructed airway for adults, children and infants as taught by the American Heart Association, the American Red Cross, the American Safety and Health Institute, ~~or~~ the National Safety Council, or EMS Safety Services. Current certification is a condition for license renewal. Failure to maintain current CPR certification may serve as grounds to deny the renewal of a license and may also result in disciplinary action against the licensee. In response to an audit request, a dental hygienist shall be required to produce proof of CPR certification during the biennium for which the audit is being conducted.