

**New Hampshire Board of Dental Examiners
Dental Hygienists Committee Minutes
Monday, April 6, 2020**

All Votes are unanimous unless otherwise noted.

The April 6, 2020 meeting of the Dental Hygienists Committee (hereinafter, DHC) New Hampshire Board of Dental Examiners (hereinafter, BODE) was called to order at 2:05 p.m. by Myra Nikitas, RDH with the following members present via ZOOM Video Conferencing:

Barbara Stowers, RDH
Lisa Scott, RDH
Myra Nikitas, RDH

Absent member: Muhenad Samaan, DMD

Guest: Christine Senko, Administrator, Board of Dental Examiners

On a motion made by Lisa Scott, RDH with a second by Barbara Stowers, RDH, and the DHC voted to approve the March 2, 2020 meeting minutes.

1. Reviewed Final draft submitted to BODE for approval of NPI verbiage for prescription writing.
2. Discussed learning objectives, basic protocols, and office policies needed for Medical Emergency Course. Mark, owner of Firehouse Emergency Medical training, inquired about the new medical emergency course and the objectives. He teaches many dental offices the CPR-BLS course, and wanted the Medical Emergency objectives.
3. Discussed COVID 19 pandemic and future concerns with CEUS. Many providers were questioning if more online courses will be provided and or if more online CEUS will be accepted. The BODE will discuss and advise.

Myra Nikitas, RDH adjourned the meeting at 2:35 p.m.

Next Dental Hygienist Committee meeting Scheduled for May 4, 2020 at 1:30 p.m.

RECOMMENDATION FORM

TO: New Hampshire Board of Dental Examiners

FROM: Dental Hygienists Committee

DATE: April 6, 2020

TOPIC: Finalization NPI number Verbiage for email blast

National Provider Identifier (NPI) for the RDH

Did you know....Dental Hygienists are now able to write prescriptions for fluoride and antimicrobials? Our current state rules allow for this procedure, but is awaiting finalization and approval from the New Hampshire Board of Pharmacy. Once approved however, hygienists must have a National Provider Identifier (NPI) Number. So, what is an NPI number and as an RDH, why do you need one?

The National Provider Identifier (NPI) was developed in association with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) which provides for a unique health identifier for each health care provider. The final rule, which was published on January 23, 2004, established the NPI as a national standard. To view background information on the NPI you can go to <http://www.cms.gov> and click on Regulations-and-Guidance/HIPAA.

As an RDH, you register as Entity NPI Code I, even though your employer has an NPI number already. Your NPI number will identify you as the prescribing provider. You are required by the New Hampshire Pharmacy Board to maintain liability insurance for prescription writing.

To apply for your NPI, go to <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Administrative-Simplification/NationalProvIdentStand/index.html>

Be sure to look for future refresher courses.