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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Notice is hereby given pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, § 2, that the Board of Registration in Dentistry (Board) within the Department of Public Health (Department), will hold a public hearing on the Board's amendment of its regulation at 234 CMR 5.00, *Requirements for the Practice of Dentistry and Dental Hygiene*. The amendment inserts a provision at 234 CMR 5.06(4), setting requirements, intended to reduce the potential for opioid abuse, misuse and overdose, that must be met prior to the prescribing of hydrocodone-only extended release medication that is not in an abuse deterrent formulation.

The public hearing will be held on **Friday, June 13, 2014, at 1:00 p.m. in Room 417A/B (4th Floor), 239 Causeway Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02114**. Hearing testimony may be presented orally or in writing; a written copy of any oral testimony will be requested.

The Board encourages all interested parties to submit testimony electronically to the following address: [Reg.Testimony@state.ma.us](mailto:Reg.Testimony@state.ma.us). Please submit electronic testimony as an attached Word document or as text within the body of an email, with "Dentistry amendments re: hydrocodone-only extended release medication that is not in an abuse deterrent formulation" in the subject line. All submissions must include the sender's full name and address. The Board will post all electronic testimony that complies with these instructions on its website. Parties who are unable to submit electronic testimony should mail submissions to: LouAnn Stanton, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Public Health, 250 Washington Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02108. All testimony must be submitted by **5:00 p.m. on Friday, June 13, 2014**.

A copy of the Notice of Public Hearing and the proposed amendment to Board regulations may be viewed on the Department's website or obtained from LouAnn Stanton, Office of the General Counsel, at 617-624-5220.