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MEMORANDUM:

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To: Whom It May Concern

From: Massachusetts Board of Registration in Dentistry

Re: Practice of Dentistry – Updated Regulations Effective August 20, 2010

The Board of Registration's updated regulations shall be officially published (promulgated) by the Secretary of State on August 20, 2010.

PLEASE NOTE that the Board's **current** regulations at 234 CMR shall remain in effect until that date.

To assist the Commonwealth's dental community and others affected by these regulations in preparing for implementation and compliance, the Board has posted a pre-publication copy of the updated regulations at www.mass.gov/dph/boards/dn; click on "August 20, 2010 Regulations" in the right-hand panel on the Board's home page.

Board approval of these regulations followed several years of research and discussion, lengthy public deliberations, and careful consideration of testimony gathered during the public comment period from November 2009 until early January 2010.

Over the next several months, the Board will be posting instructions, forms, and materials that conform to the requirements of the new regulations in a special section on its website at www.mass.gov/dph/boards/dn.

Any questions about the regulations or their implementation should be directed to Board staff at dentistry.admin@state.ma.us. We will publish Questions and Answers on our website along with regular updates on preparations for the implementation of the up-dated regulations.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation, patience, and understanding during this period of transition.