Effective January 6, 2017 the revised Dentistry Rules went into effect. Significant changes to be aware of:

- Training standards for identifying victims of human trafficking – R 338.11123 Please note: This is a one-time training that is separate from continuing education. Licensees renewing in 2017 must complete training by renewal in 2020; licensees renewing in 2018 must complete training by 2021, and licensees renewing in 2019 must complete training by 2022; etc. Beginning January 6, 2022, completion of the training is a requirement for initial licensure.

- The formal rescission of the state-administered specialty exams in the areas of Orthodontics and dentofacial orthopedics; periodontics; and endodontics. Instead of the state-administered exam, applicants for specialty certifications will need to complete the following requirements instead:
  - Orthodontics and dentofacial orthopedics – Pass the American Board of Orthodontics written examination – R 338.11515(3)(c)
  - Periodontics – Have graduated from an approved Periodontics program (already a requirement, since exams are given as part of accredited program, it was redundant to have separate exam.)
  - Endodontics – Pass the American Association of Endodontists written examination. R 11523(3)(c)

- Continuing Education
  - Dentists now need to complete a minimum of 3 hours in pain and symptom management instead of 1 hour. R 338.11701(2)(b)
    Please note: The increase in pain and symptom management hours will begin on September 1, 2017 and will be required for all renewals thereafter.
  - Dental Hygienists and Dental Assistants now need to complete a minimum of 2 hours in pain and symptom management instead of 1 hour. R 338.11704(2)(e)
    Please note: The increase in pain and symptom management hours will begin on September 1, 2017 and will be required for all renewals thereafter.

- Relicensure – the rules now recognize practice in another jurisdiction (traditional renewal requirements, CE, CPR). Dentists – R 338.11704b / Dental Hygienists and Dental Assistants – R338.11704c
  - Please note: The increase in pain and symptom management hours will begin on September 1, 2017 for relicensure.

- Previously adopted standards were updated to the most recent versions. R 338.11301, R338.11303, and R 338.11307

To view the revised rules, please visit the following link:

Our office is diligently working on updating our forms and relative information on our website to
reflect the revisions of the revised Dentistry Rules. For additional information please visit our website at www.michigan.gov/bpl.

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