

## ***Part I – Agency Profile***

### **Agency Overview:**

The Board of Dentistry is mandated and authorized by the Idaho Dental Practice Act (and the administrative rules promulgated thereunder) to assure the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Idaho through the licensure and regulation of qualified dentists and dental hygienists. The standards applicable to the licensure and regulation of dentists and dental hygienists are set forth in the Idaho Dental Practice Act (Chapter 9, Title 54, Idaho Code) and the Administrative Rules of the Idaho State Board of Dentistry (IDAPA 19, Title 01, Chapter 01). The Board of Dentistry is also authorized to certify dental assistants who are competent in specified expanded function duties. The Board of Dentistry was established in the Department of Self-Governing Agencies and the Board consists of eight members—five dentist members, two dental hygienist members, and a consumer member, all of whom are appointed by the Governor. Each Board of Dentistry member serves a term of five years. One of the dentist members serves as the chairman of the Board of Dentistry. The Board of Dentistry meets on a quarterly basis but on occasion has conducted additional in-person or telephone conference meetings as needed. Meetings of the Board of Dentistry are conducted in accordance with the Idaho Open Meeting Act. The Board of Dentistry is a dedicated fund agency with funding primarily derived from the collection of application and licensing fees. The Board of Dentistry receives no general fund monies. The Board of Dentistry's spending authority is controlled by legislative appropriation. The Board of Dentistry's office is located in Boise, Idaho, and its staff (3.6 FTEs) consists of an executive director, an administrative assistant, and two office specialists.

### **Core Functions/Idaho Code:**

The principal functions of the Board of Dentistry include the following: conducting an application process for licensure of qualified dentists and dental hygienists, whether by examination or credentials [Idaho Code §§ 54-912(1), (2) and (3), 54-915, 54-916, 54-916A, 54-916B, 54-917 and 54-918]; conducting a license renewal process for dentists and dental hygienists that includes the mandatory reporting of continuing education [Idaho Code § 54-920]; regulating the standards and scope of practice for dentists, dental hygienists, and dental assistants by statutory enactment in the Idaho Dental Practice Act and through the administrative rules promulgated thereunder [Idaho Code §§ 54-901, 54-902, 54-904, 54-912(4)]; conducting an anesthesia permit process for dentists seeking to administer moderate sedation, deep sedation and general anesthesia to patients [Idaho Code § 54-912(4)]; enforcing the professional standards applicable to dentists and dental hygienists by means of conducting investigations and due process hearings to impose discipline against licensees if deemed warranted [Idaho Code §§ 54-912(6) and (7), 54-923, 54-924 and 54-925]; and conducting inspections of dental offices in Idaho to assure compliance with infection control and emergency preparedness standards [Idaho Code § 54-912(5)].

### **Principal Activities of the Board of Dentistry**

#### **Examination Function:**

All applicants for licensure in Idaho must be graduates of dental or dental hygiene programs accredited by the American Dental Association's Commission on Dental Accreditation. The Idaho Dental Practice Act requires, among other matters, that applicants for licensure as a dentist or dental hygienist successfully pass the National Board written examination administered by the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations; a clinical examination administered by the Western Regional Examining Board, the Central Regional Dental Testing Service, and dental clinical examinations administered by testing entities using the ADEX examination; the jurisprudence examination administered by the Board of Dentistry; and any additional examinations required for specialty licensure or otherwise necessary to assess a person's skill level. All members of the Board of Dentistry, with the exception of the consumer member, participate as examiners in the clinical examinations conducted by the Western Regional Examining Board. States currently participating as members in the Western Regional Examining Board are Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Kansas, Missouri, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, Texas, Utah, Washington and Wyoming. The Western Regional Examining Board conducts approximately 30 dental examinations and 45 dental hygiene examinations each year at selected dental and dental hygiene schools.

**Licensure/Permit Function:**

The Board of Dentistry licenses dentists and dental hygienists upon the basis of examination [applicants who have successfully passed the required clinical examination within the five-year period immediately prior to the date of application] or credentials (dentists or dental hygienists practicing under an unrestricted active license in another state). The applicable standards for licensure as a dentist or dental hygienist are set forth in the Idaho Dental Practice Act and the Idaho State Board of Dentistry's Administrative Rules. All licenses issued by the Board of Dentistry are renewed on a biennial basis with dental hygienist licenses being renewed on April 1 of each odd-numbered year and dental licenses being renewed on October 1 of each even-numbered year. Dentists and dental hygienists holding a license with active status are required to report a specified amount of continuing education credits in order to renew their licenses.

The Board of Dentistry also issues dental and dental hygienist licenses with inactive, provisional, special, and retirement status. A license with inactive or retirement status does not authorize or entitle the holder to practice dentistry or dental hygiene in Idaho. A license with provisional or special status allows the holder to practice dentistry or dental hygiene in Idaho subject to the conditions or restrictions attached to the license. The Board of Dentistry is also authorized to issue a volunteer's license to qualified retired dentists and dental hygienists who desire to practice dentistry in public or charitable settings on a volunteer basis. The Board of Dentistry is also authorized to issue an extended access dental hygiene license endorsement to qualified dental hygienists who desire to practice dental hygiene in public or charitable settings under the general supervision of a dentist.

Dentists and dental specialists seeking authorization to administer sedation to the level of moderate sedation or general anesthesia/deep sedation may apply to the Board of Dentistry for a sedation permit. The sedation permit process requires evaluation of the applicant's office equipment/medications and emergency preparedness. Sedation permits are valid for a period of five years at which time further evaluation is required prior to renewal of the permit.

**Enforcement Function:**

The Board of Dentistry receives complaints against licensees primarily from patients and occasionally from other practitioners and governmental entities. In addition, the Board of Dentistry can process complaints against licensees on its own initiative. Complaints received are initially screened in order to determine whether a violation of the Dental Practice Act or the administrative rules has been alleged and whether there has been an attempt to resolve the complaint with the licensee. Following receipt by the Board of Dentistry of a written complaint, the licensee is contacted and requested to provide a written response and copies of the applicable patient dental records. Following receipt of the licensee's written response, the complaint may be assigned to a Board of Dentistry consultant/investigator for additional fact-finding and review. The Board of Dentistry members review complaints at their quarterly meetings. Upon review by the members of the Board of Dentistry, a determination is made as to whether a violation of the Idaho Dental Practice Act or the administrative rules may have occurred and, if so, what additional action, whether disciplinary or otherwise, is appropriate in the case. Certain violations may be resolved in an informal manner without the initiation of disciplinary action against the licensee. If disciplinary action is required, the Board of Dentistry will cause an administrative complaint to be prepared and served upon the licensee. If the administrative complaint is not resolved by a consent agreement, the matter will be taken to administrative hearing for adjudication.

**Office Inspection Function:**

In accordance with statutory authority, the Board of Dentistry conducts a number of office inspections each year. The offices to be reviewed are selected on a random basis in various geographic locations throughout the state. The random office inspections are conducted by Board of Dentistry consultants. The primary focus of these inspections is to review infection control and sterilization practices and medical emergency preparedness. The Board of Dentistry typically conducts approximately 50 random inspections during each fiscal year. The number of office inspections may vary depending on available resources.

**Revenue and Expenditures:**

Revenues	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
State Regulatory Fund	<u>90,400</u>	<u>806,300</u>	<u>105,381</u>	<u>841,430</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$90,400</b>	<b>\$806,300</b>	<b>\$105,381</b>	<b>\$841,430</b>
Expenditures	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
Personnel Costs	\$194,403	\$202,800	\$213,402	\$244,900
Operating Expenditures	\$158,785	\$214,400	\$246,794	\$205,400
Capital Outlay	<u>\$6,840</u>	<u>\$6,000</u>	<u>\$6327</u>	<u>\$1,000</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$360,028</b>	<b>\$423,200</b>	<b>\$466,523</b>	<b>\$451,300</b>

**Profile of Cases Managed and/or Key Services Provided**

Cases Managed and/or Key Services Provided	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
Initial Licenses Issued:				
Dentists	67	61	106	96
Dental Hygienists	<u>120</u>	<u>121</u>	<u>142</u>	<u>193</u>
Total	<u>187</u>	<u>182</u>	<u>248</u>	<u>289</u>
Professional Licenses Renewed:				
Dentists	Biennial Cycle	1,457	Biennial Cycle	1,464
Dental Hygienists		<u>1,667</u>		<u>1,861</u>
Total		<u>3,124</u>		<u>3,325</u>
Sedation Permits:				
New Permits	12	10	17	21
Permits Renewed	53	45	35	29
Evaluations Conducted	31	66	58	37
Dental Offices Inspected:	74	86	0	23
Complaints Received:	43	64	37	34
Complaints Investigated/Reviewed by Board of Dentistry	40	61	35	30
Board Orders*		23	12	12
Non-disciplinary Actions*				13
Administrative Hearings Conducted:	1	7	2	1

\*Prior years data not compiled

**Performance Highlights:**

FY 2013/2014:

In FY 2013 the Board conducted a comprehensive review of the Idaho Dental Practice Act and the administrative rules in order to identify appropriate changes to licensing and regulatory standards for dental professionals consistent with the protection of the public health, safety, and welfare. This was a collaborative effort which included input from the Idaho State Dental Association, the Idaho Dental Hygienists' Association, and other interested parties. Legislative updates were introduced during the 2014 session; the following sections of Idaho code were amended as a result: 54-903, 54-911, 54-912, 54-915, 54-916A, 54-916B, 54-918, 54-920, and 54-924. Rulemaking conducted in 2013 was reviewed and passed by the 2014 legislature resulting in amendment of the following rules: 004, 012, 014, 015, 016, 017, 020, f028, 029, 030, 031, 035, 040, 046, 050, 051, 054, 055, 057, and 060.

In FY 2013 the Board began a comprehensive assessment of regional didactic and clinical examinations to assure that applicants' skills, fitness, and ability to safely and competently practice dentistry or dental hygiene are adequately tested. The assessment process was concluded in early FY 2014, and policy revisions were considered as a result of the assessment results.

FY 2015:

The Board of Dentistry promulgated rules in order to clarify the requirements for the administration of sedation to patients by inclusion of standards currently contained in the American Dental Association's *Guidelines for the Use of Sedation and General Anesthesia by Dentists*. The rules concerning facility requirements, records, and patient monitoring were also revised for clarification purposes. The Board of Dentistry, in conjunction with its ad hoc anesthesia committee, published an office anesthesia evaluator manual and revised all of the evaluation data collection forms.

## Part II – Performance Measures

Performance Measure	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	Benchmark
1. Periodically assess the content of national, regional, and state board examinations to determine appropriateness for Idaho licensure candidates.		X	X		Every five years
2. Biennial renewal of dental and dental hygiene licenses in a timely and efficient manner.		X		X	100%
3. Annually convene a meeting of the anesthesia committee.	X	X	X	X	Annual
4. Maintain evaluation protocols for sedation permit holders and conduct regional evaluator training sessions as needed.	X	X	X	X	Annual
5. Inspect dental offices for compliance with infection control and sterilization practices and medical emergency preparedness.	74	86	0*	23	50

\*FY 2011 was a program evaluation year

FY 2014 unable to randomly select dentists due to software conversion

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